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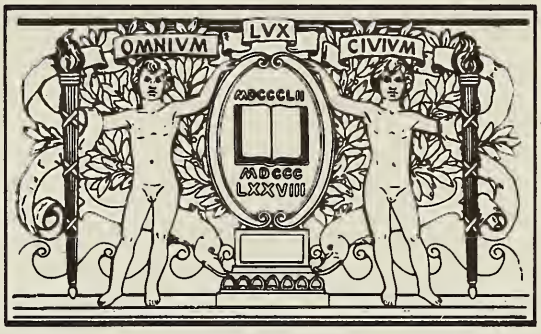

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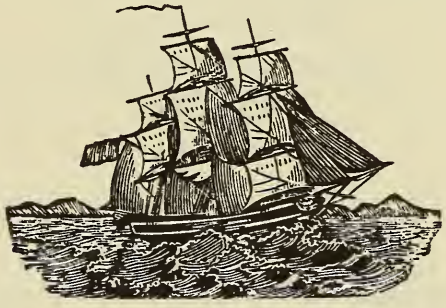

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PREFACE

The history of the Taylor family has intrigued the author for more than twenty years. Very little oral history was known and in the mid 1960's, many of the older family members were not available for interview. It was fortunate that I was able to interview my grandfather Arthur G. Taylor just prior to his death. That interview, recorded on the back of two envelopes formed the basis for all my follow on research.

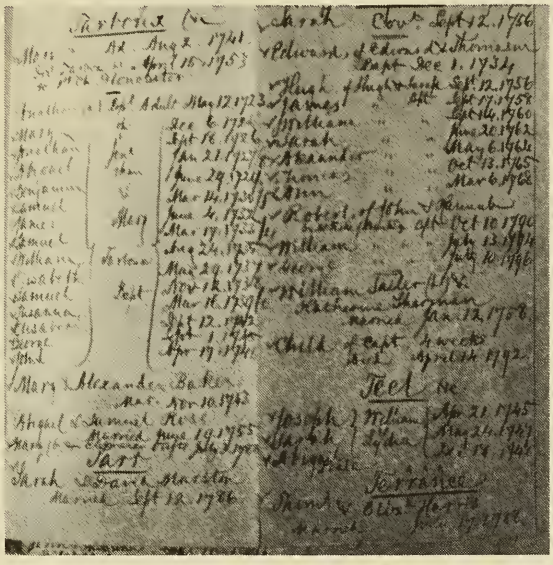
There are two basic problems for the genealogical researcher. The first is knowing how to concentrate on specific facts relating to your area of interest, and the second is how to organize those facts once they are obtained. Organization became easier for me by use of computer aided files and family charts. The gathering of facts however, was and is the primary problem, and incidentally also the fun part of the task.

I started with the birth and death certificates available for a fee from most of the county or state offices of record. This of course assumes you know where to look in the first place, and leads to my first question of everyone I talk to... 'where were you born, where married, and where did the person die'.

My next avenue of information was court records in the form of land records and wills. Family information is often recorded by statements like.. 'I leave to my son David the land and the horse'. Often amusing bits of information appear in these collections, as you well see if your interest in reading continues throughout the book.

Some of the most interesting history is obtained from the National Archives in the form of veteran records and pension records. In 1832 the Federal Government passed a pension law for surviving participants of the Revolutionary War. This was one of many such laws but in particular, a person applying for a pension was required to narrate to a recorder his life history and all the events that he could remember with regard to his service in the war. I have been fortunate to have uncovered some of these documents in the family record, and anyone descendent of Elisa McManis Taylor, and Vera Ruth Mudge Taylor are descendants of a Revolutionary War patriot.

Certain highlights occur in research that seem to be the most rewarding and in genealogy a sudden knowledge of several missing generations is the reward that keeps you moving forward. This sudden knowledge occurred at the State of Ohio library, in Pontiac and through the letters of the many people that have corresponded and contributed to this effort. Perhaps the most exciting was in the basement of the courthouse in Boston to see written in the book of the New North Church, 1720 to 1796, the recorded birth of George W. Taylor, son of John and Hannah Taylor.



Boston City Hall Book of New North Church

The purpose of this book is twofold. Through the many letters written to me a certain excitement seemed to develop as the Taylor family history unfolded. Everyone said they wanted a copy of MY BOOK. At that time the book idea had only germinated. In 1985 my Uncle Art Taylor said, "Let's have a reunion", and continued, "and you can be the resident genealogist and present your book". All that seemed like a good idea, but writing a book is not as easy as it sounds! At any rate, if all goes well, this book will be available for the Taylor family reunion to be held in Zion Illinois on July 19 1986. The contents of the book will try to relate all the Taylor descendants of John C. Taylor to the John Taylor , mariner, who started the family tree in America.

The second purpose of this book is to record the long history of my ancestors for the benefit of my children. In this regard it may seem that I wander into unrelated areas of the Taylor history, but it is

in fact my history, and that is what this book is all about.

It is customary to thank contributors who have helped in the development of a book, so to all who responded to my infinite questions with regard to your family records, thank you. Special thanks go to Ruth Morrison for her many letters of family history, to Doris McManis who introduced me to the National Archives, to Ethel Smith for original letters and artifacts and to Rev Richard Sloan McCarroll who's geneaological chart of 1944 aided me immeasurably. Art and Betty Taylor are to be remembered for all the work required to organize the family reunion.

And now for a short request. This book is just a start towards my final goal of tracking down the family history. I need your help, both to correct errors and to expand on missing data. Please write with regard to stories, locations, dates, new names and new generations. I look forward to hearing from you.

David Brittain Taylor
Great Grandson of John C. Taylor
16253 Bent Tree Dr
Chesterfield Missouri 63017

July 1986

David Brittain Taylor
Donna Knoche Taylor

CHAPTER ONE

JOHN TAYLOR, MARINER ? to 1806

Our story begins in Scotland, shortly after the end of the American Revolution. Not too much is known about our ancestor John Taylor, the mariner. What caused him to move to the United States and under what circumstances is not known. What we do know is narrated in the Livingston Country History as recorded by a Grandson John J. Taylor.

> "...his grandfather being John Taylor, who emigrated from near Edinburgh, Scotland, to this country in 1785. His first location was at Boston. He was a ship captain and followed the sea for many years, eventually losing his life on the ocean. His widow settled near Saratoga Springs, N. Y." On another page we find: "The paternal grandfather of George C., whose name was John Taylor, emigrated from Scotland to America about 1788, and for a time engaged in mercantile business in Boston. He owned and was master of a vessel lost at sea, upon which occasion he went down with his crew to a watery grave."

In my search for our John Taylor it was quickly discovered that John Taylor was a very popular name at that time in the history of our country. I found myself chasing down dead ends and searching Taylor family records that were not correct for our family. Perserverance paid off however and the following records were uncovered.

In volume 30 of the Boston Record under Boston Marriages 1752-1809 pg 457 an intention to marry (marriage not recorded) is listed for John Taylor and Hannah Cary dated 2 September 1786.

From the Records of the New Church Boston 1714 is recorded:

Taylor

Robert of John and Hannah
by Mr Fiske of Cambridge Oct 10 1790
William of John and Hannah July 10 1794
George of John and Hannah July 10 1796
Child of Captain John Taylor 4 weeks
died 14 April 1792

The above record has been authenticated and notarized by the city registrar of Boston. The above are baptisms but in those days baptism was done very close to the birth.

George is recorded in the Livingston County History as being the third son of John the mariner. This may or may not be true as we see later in the story.

In the 1790 census for Suffolk Co, Boston Town, State of Massachusetts, we find two John Taylors as heads of family. Page 184; John Taylor has 1 male 16 years or older, 1 male 16 years or under, and 2 females. On page 193 John Taylor has 1 male over 16 and 2 females. For those of you not familiar with the early census, you can see that not much is said about the family and particularly, little about the females.

Our search for the Mariner was now turned to the shipping industry. The Boston public library has the Boston Ship Registers for the period of interest. It is of course speculative that the John Taylors listed are our mariner, but things keep falling into place.

HAWK Schooner built 1783: John Taylor
Master 19 October 1790

FLORA Built 1788 John Taylor Master 19 August 1791

SUCCESS Schooner built in Plymouth 1789 REG# 122
John Taylor part owner and master
8 November 1792

BETSEY Schooner built 1792 John Taylor Master
22 November 1792

RANGER Schooner built 1794 REG# 82 John Taylor
Master 30 March 1795

JERUSHA Brigantine built 1791 REG# 283 John Taylor
Owner and Master 20 October 1795

NANCY Schooner built 1784 REG# 325 John Taylor
Master 17 November 1795

At this point, just as it is getting interesting, the Boston records run out, and we were unable to find additional information. To put in perspective the ship sizes, the JERUSHA was 122 and 1/3 tons 68 feet by 20.5 feet by 10 feet 2.5 inches. Two decks, two masts with a square stern.

In a letter from the Boston Marine Society dated 1 November 1985:

> We have reviewed our records and the only thing we can come up with an entry for John Taylor - as a Marine member of the Society, dated 1 October 1793. In the early days, a biographical record was not required of each new member, hence the records are quite skimpy.

After exhausting the available shipping information we next looked at the life of John Taylor as a merchant in the Boston area. In the Boston Records there is a record of bounds and valuations for 1798 to wit:

> Pg 36 Joseph Smith, John Taylor, owners; Benja. Smith Junr., Caleb Loring Jourm., occupies; wooden dwelling; fronting East on land of Joseph Roberts; North on Sheaf Street; West on James Maxwell; South on a passageway from Snow hill to Margaretts lane. Land 5022 square feet; house 968 square feet; three stories, 35 windows value $3000.
>
> Pg 227 John Taylor owner; John Taylor, Joseph Smith occupiers; wood & brick dwelling; East on Center Street;South on Curtis; North on Wheeler; West on Mill Creek. land 5610 square feet; house 1170 square feet: 3 stories 44 windows value $5000.
>
> Pg 390 John Taylor, owner and occupier; wooden dwelling; East on purchase Street; North on Alley; West on Blake; South on McElleroy; Store, 312 square feet, wood. Land

3053 square feet; house 612 square feet, 2 stories, 16 windows, Value $1200.

It seems obvious that John was a successful businessman, probably selling the wares gathered on his overseas runs. At this time, most of the Boston ship owners were dealing in the West Indies, and sugar was the big trade item. Sickness and disease were common, and the Boston Record frequently talks about quarantine of the incoming ships crews.

The various ships listed above, and the stores owned by John are noted in the hope that future research can use this information to develop a better picture of John Taylor, the Mariner. The next piece of the puzzle was found in the St Louis Library on 8 April 1985. In the Index to the Suffolk Co Mass probate records (Vol 3) is listed three entries on John Taylor: 1806 No. 22648, 1807 Guardianship No. 22890, and 1817 No. 25370, a will. These records were examined in room 120 of the Suffolk Co courthouse in Boston in May 1985. The first two apply to our Taylor family. Since the information is of interest and directly applies, the probate records are reproduced here in order to show proof of our family heritage.

Authors Note: Just prior to the recording of John Taylor's will processed intestate, Hannah Taylor entered into a guardianship role of a minor John Taylor, evidently not her son but the son of John Taylor the mariner. This of course raises an interesting question, was John Taylor married in Scotland and perhaps his wife died on the way to America. We may never know the answer but the following is a matter of court record.

Probate Record 22890
Suffolk County
11 May 1807

Suffolk May 11th 1807. Hannah Taylor of Boston in said county Widow is appointed guardian unto John Taylor a minor more than fourteen years of age and son of John Taylor late of Boston aforesaid deceased. William Burroughs Baker, and John Bray Gentleman, both of said Boston became bound with said Guardian for the faithful performance of her said trust

Attest John Heard Reg

Probate Record 22648
Vol 105 page 230
18 May 1807

Account of Andrew Sigourney Administrator on the Estate of Capt John Taylor late of Boston Mariner deceased. May 1806. The Admin. charges himself with the Personal Estate as F.

Inventory and Appraisement		911.05
Also with the following sums tu vis		
Jan 1807 For George Singletons Note		5.00
Cash of A. & D Sigourney		1400.00
D.. of Joseph Dorr		3.00
		1408.00
		2319.05

And Prays Allowance for the following sums Paid---

1806			
May	Fees to Probate Office		6.00
For Power of Attorney to Isaac Harvey			5.00
Samuel B. Goddars Bill			5.00
Joseph Hamblets. D.			16.61
July	Elyah Lorings D.		13.60
Aug	William Smiths D.		35.48
"	Probate Office		2.55
Sept	Young T Minns		1.00
Dec	John Hannah		74.68
	John Cruxt		54.00
1807			
May	Probate Office for Letter of Guardianship		1.00
	Admin'r for time given settling this account		100.00
Probate fees for this account and order			2.25
			316.17
Boston May 18th 1807 Errors Excepted			2002.88

Signed: Andrew Sigourney, Admin'r

* * * * *

Suffolk Ss at a Probate Court held at Boston on Monday the eighteenth day of May Anno Domini 1807. Andrew Sigourney Administrator on the Estate of John Taylor late of Boston in said County Mariner deceased presented this account produced vouchers was sworn and examined whereupon I do decree that the same be and it

is hereby allowed and ordered to be Recorded.
Thomas Dawes Jun Judge of Probate
Examined John Heard Jun Reg

Probate Record 22648
Vol 105 Page 230
18 May 1807

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Suffolk County By the Honourable Thomas Dawes Jun Esq. Judge of Probate It appears to me by the amount of Andrew Sigourney Adm'r Administration on the estate of John Taylor late of Boston in said county, deceased intestate that after subduction of necessary charges and disbursements there remains in the hands of the administrator a Balance of Two thousand dollars and eighty eight cents which by Law belongs and is to be distributed as follows Viz... To Hannah Taylor of Boston in said county widow of said deceased for her third part six hundred sixty six dollars and ninety six cents. To John Taylor, William Taylor, George Taylor, Jo Lusk Taylor, Robert Taylor, and Hannah Proctor Taylor Children of said deceased or to their Legal Representatives the sum of Two hundred twenty two dollars and thirty two cents each which makes the sum of two thousand dollars eighty eight cents. I do hereby order the said Administrator to make distribution accordingly, each distributee giving surety that in case debts here after appear due from said Estate to refund and pay back to the administrator the proportionable part thereof and of his charges. Given under my hand and seal of office this eighteenth day of May A.D. 1807
Thomas Dawes Jun. Judge of Probate
Examined John Heard jun Reg

Probate record 22648
Vol 109 Page 23
1 June 1807

Boston June 1 1807. Received of Andrew Sigourney Administrator on the Estate of my late Husband John Taylor deceased Six hundred and sixty six dollars and ninety six cents in full for my third part of the first Division of said Estate made by order of the Honorable Thomas Dawes Jun. Judge of Probate in and for the County of Suffolk on the eighteenth day of May last past and I hereby Promise that in case debts hereafter

appear due from said Estate to refund and pay back to said Administrator my proportionable part thereof and also his charges.

Hannah Taylor
Examined John Heard Jun Reg

Probate Record 22648
Vol 109 Page 124
1 June 1807

Boston June 1st 1807. Received of Andrew Sigourney administrator on the Estate of the late Captain John Taylor deceased the sum of two hundred and twenty two dollars and thirty two cents, for each and every one fo the undermentioned children and heirs of the said deceased Vis.. John Taylor, William Taylor, George Taylor, Jo Lusk Taylor, Robert Taylor, and Hannah Proctor Taylor which makes the sum of thirteen hundred and thirty three dollars and ninety two cents ordered to be distributed equally among said children by the Honorable Thomas Dawes Jun. Judge of Probate in and for the County of Suffolk on the eighteenth day of May last past, and I do hereby promise that in case debts hereafter appear due from said Estate I will refund and pay back to said administrator the proportionable part thereof for each and every one of the above mentioned heirs and the charges of said administrator. Hannah Taylor, Guardian to the above mentioned children and heirs.

Examined John Heard Jun Reg

Probate record 22648
Vol 105 Page
21 December 1807
Dower

Pursuant to a warrant to us directed by the Honourable Thomas Dawes Jun Esquire Judge of Probate of Wills for the county of Suffolk, We the subscribers having been first sworn as the said warrant directs having notified all parties interested to be present have appraised all the Real Estate whereof John Taylor late of Boston in said county mariner named in said warrant died sured and possessed within the commonwealth as follows: A store and land under the same bounded on the Mill Creek also a piece of Land in Fish Street in Boston aforesaid amounting in the whole to the sum of 7000 Dollars. We then set off to Hannah Taylor the widow of the said John Taylor as her dower or thirds in

said Estate so much of said store and land on Mill Creek and Fish street as is described and bounded as follows Vis.. Two thirds of the store and land under the same Northerly on the Passage heading down the wharf Measuring twenty feet Easterly on Isaac while twenty four feet Southerly on the Mill Creek twenty feet Westerly on the other part of said store twenty four feet with the privileges thereto belonging which we estimate at the sum of 2333.33. Boston December 21 1807. Samuel Claf, Jedidiah Parker

Nath Gaunough

Suffolk Ss At a Probate Court held at Boston on a Monday the twenty first day of December Anno Domini 1807. The within being presented to me as the Dower of Hannah Taylor of Boston in said County Widow of John Taylor late of said Boston Mariner deceased. I do thereupon decree that the same be and it is hereby accepted as such and ordered to be recorded.

Thomas Dawes Jun. Judge of Probate
Examined John Heard Reg

It must have been a hard life, married to a mariner in the early 1800's. The old houses around Boston and Cape Cod still have porches high on the home known as "widow's walks". In 1806 Hannah may have been watching for the ship that would not return. It is interesting to speculate on the fact that in 1806 George III and Napoleon of France were locked in a desperate struggle. The belligerents blockaded each other's ports and seized American ships. Perhaps John Taylor was caught up in the conflict. The seafaring families in Boston were closely knit due to their common backgrounds and troubles. Hannah belonged to the New North Church where many of the mariners of early Boston attended. As a wealthy widow, Hannah cought the eye of another mariner. The following is recorded in The Early History of Boston, Boston Marriages 1752-1809 Vol 30 page 239:

Married: William Coombs & Hannah Taylor by Rev John Eliot DD. 26 March 1808.

Probate Record 22648
Vol 109 Page 124
5 November 1808

We Hannah Coombs Guardian of John Taylor, William Taylor, George Taylor, Jo Lusk Taylor, Robert Taylor and Hannah Proctor Taylor children and heirs of the late Captain John Taylor deceased, and William Coombs Husband of said Hannah the guardian of the above named children and heirs do hereby acknowledge to have received of Andrew Sigourney administrator on the Estate of said John Taylor deceased, the sum of one hundred and sixty one dollars thirty eight cents five mills for each and every one of the above named children and heirs, which makes the sum of Nine hundred and sixty eight dollars thirty one cents ordered to be distributed equally among the said children by the Honorable Thomas Dawes Jun. Judge of Probate in and for the County of Suffolk on the seventeenth day of October last past, and we do hereby promise and agree that in case debts hereafter appear due from said Estate. that we will refund and pay back to said Administrator the proportionable part thereof for each and every one of the above mentioned heirs, and the charges of said administrator. Boston November 5th 1808. Hannah Coombs, guardian of the above named heirs. William Coombs, Husband of the above named Hannah Coombs.
Examined John Heard Jun Reg

Probate Record 22648
Vol 109 Page 124
5 November 1808

We William Coombs and Hannah Coombs late the widow of Captain John Taylor deceased do hereby acknowledge to have received of Andrew Sigourney, administrator on the estate of said John Taylor deceased Four hundred and eighty four dollars fifteen cents six mills in full for said Hannah's third part of the second division of said estate, made by order of the Honorable Thomas Dawes Jun. Judge of Probate in and for the County of Suffolk on the seventeenth day of October last past, and we do hereby promise and agree that in case debts hereafter appear due from said estate we will refund and pay back to said administrator said Hannah's proportionable part thereof and also the charges of said administrator.
Boston November 5th 1808
William Coombs. Hannah Coombs
Examined John Heard Jun reg.

Lets take a short break from all this legal verbiage and take a look at the 1810 Census for Suffolk county. Hannah is now married to William Coombs. On Page 173 Suffolk County, Ward #2 Center Street appears William Coombs.

Head of Household William Coombs

Males under 10 years	1	?
Males 10 to 16	4	
Possibly	Robert	1790
	William	1794
	George	1796
	other ?	
Males 26-45	William Coombs	
Females under 10	4	
	Hannah Proctor	
	Jo Lusk	
	2 others	
Females 10-26	2	??
Females over 45	1	
	Hannah Taylor Coombs	

Although my attempt to place names with the census is speculative it is interesting to see that everything fits. Does anyone know the names of the unknown family members?

Probate Record 22648
Vol 109 Page 101
21 Jan 1811

Notice on John Taylors Estate. Commonwealth of Massachusetts At Probate court holdin at Boston in and for the County of Suffolk on Monday the twenty first day of January Anno Domini 1811. Whereas Andrew Sigourney Administrator on the Estate of John Taylor late of Boston in said County of Suffolk Mariner deceased intestate has this day offered for allowance his third administration amount on the estate of the said deceased. He is hereby directed to give notice three weeks successively in the Boston Gasette a Newspaper printed in said Boston that said amount will be passed upon at the Probate Office in said Boston on Monday the eighteenth day of February next at 10 o'clock A.M. when and where all persons interested may attend if they sufit.

Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate
Examined John Heard Jun Reg

Probate Record 22648
Vol 101 Page 109
21 January 1811

Account of Andrew Sigourney Administrator on the Estate of John Taylor late of Boston Mariner deceased. Said administrator charges himself with the following sums received Vis.

1810
Nov of Messors Beck & Lammat for the Net Proceeds of the Brig Chatham 1/3 part 353.51

Dec 21 Of Samuel Prince for balance due on his land Dated March 5th 1800 754.72

1108.23

And prays allowance for the following sums paid:

Stephen Higginson IC for balance of acc't 754.72
Commissions on $1108.23 @ 5 P.cent 55.41

Probate fees for this Account # orders of Distribution 1.10

811.23

Balance due the heirs to be distributed 297.00

Boston January 21st 1811. Errors Excepted. Andrew Sigourney

Suffolk SS At a Probate Court held at Boston on Monday the eighteenth day of February Anno Domini 1811. Andrew Sigourney Administrator on the Estate of John Taylor late of Boston in said County Mariner deceased intestate having presented this account and given public notice that said account would be passed upon on this day and for any person to appear and show cause against the same and no person appearing produced vouchers, was sworn and examined whereupon I do decree that the same be and it is hereby allowed and ordered to be recorded. Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate Examined John Heard Jun Reg

Probate Record 22648
Vol 109 Page 101
18 February 1811

Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Suffolk SS. By the Honorable Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate . It appears to me by the account of Andrew Sigourney Administrator on the Estate of John Taylor late of Boston in said County

deceased intestate that after subduction of Misc.any charges and disbursements there remains in the hands of the administrator a balance of two hundred and ninety seven dollars which by Law belongs and is to be distributed as follows Vis.. To William Coomb of said Boston mariner and Hannah his wife late the widow of the said John Taylor the sum of Ninety nine dollars for her third part thereof and to John Taylor, William Taylor, George Taylor Children of said deceased or their legal representatives the sum of thirty three dollars cash which together makes the sum of two hundred ninety seven dollars the sum to be distributed. I do hereby order the said administrator to make distribution accordingly each Distributee giving surety that in case debts hereafter appear due from said estate to refund and pay back to the administrator their proportionable part there of and of his charges. Given under my hand and seal of office this eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate
Examined John Heard Reg

Probate Record 22648
Vol 109 Page 613
30 October 1811

We William Coomb and Hannah Coomb late the widow of Capt John Taylor of Boston Mariner deceased do hereby acknowledge to have received of Andrew Sigourney administrator on the estate of said John Taylor deceased ninety nine dollars in full for said Hannah's third part of the third division of said estate made by the Honourable Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate in and for the County of Suffolk, on the eighteenth day of February last past and we do hereby promise and agree that in case debts hereafter appear due from said estate we will refund and pay back to said Administrator said Hannah's proportionable part thereof and also the charges of said administrator.

Boston October 30 1811 William Coomb

Hannah Coomb

Probate record 22648
Vol 109 Page 613
30 October 1811

We Hannah Coombs Guardian of William Taylor, George Taylor, Jo Lusk Taylor, Robert Taylor and Hannah Proctor Taylor, children and heirs of the late Captain John Taylor of Boston Mariner deceased, and William Coomb Husband of said Hannah do hereby acknowledge to have received of Andrew Sigourney administrator on the Estate of Captain John Taylor deceased the sum of thirty three dollars for each and every one of the above named children and heirs which makes the sum of one hundred and sixty five dollars, ordered to be distributed equally among the said children by the Honorable Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate in and for the County of Suffolk on the eighteenth day of February last past and we do hereby promise and agree that in case any debts hereafter appear due from said estate we will refund and pay back to said Administrator the proportionable part thereof for each and every one of the above mentioned heirs and the charges of said Administrator, Hannah Coomb, guardian of the above named heirs.. William coomb Husband of the above named Hannah Boston October 30 1811.

Probate record 22648
Vol 109 Page 614
30 October 1811

I John Taylor, son and heir of the late Capt John Taylor of Boston Mariner deceased do hereby acknowledge that I have received of Andrew Sigourney administrator on the Estate of the said John Taylor deceased thirty three dollars in full for my proportion of the third division of said Estate as made and ordered by the Hon Thomas Dawes Judge of Probate in and for said county of Suffolk on the eighteenth day of February last past. and I do hereby promise and agree that in case debts hereafter appear due from said Estate I will refund and pay back to said administrator my proportionable part thereof and also the charges of said administrator. John Taylor by his Atty.
Boston October 30 1811 Wm Coomb
Examined John Heard Jun Reg.

And that is apparently the final record of the court with regard to the estate of John Taylor. The record furnished new information on the family composition and confirmed the necessary tie that this Hannah Taylor is "our" Hannah. William Coombs later appears as the God father to George C. Taylor on the latter's baptismal certificate on the Island of St Bartholemew. It took more than five years to settle the estate, and during this time John Taylor the son appears, joins Hannah's family and matures in 1811 to receive the third division as an adult, probably over the age of 21. The son John Taylor must have been born prior to 1790, and not of Hannah. Nothing else is known of him at this time.

During a search of the antique books in the rare book collection in the Boston library we uncovered a book The New North Religious Society, Boston, Record of the Sale of Pews, 1799-1813. Pew No. 58 John Tailor $207 33 1/3

Mrs Tailor--Widow of John married Wm Coombs
Assigned to Gretchen and Jacob ------
(noted in pencil, 1814)
Owner of Pews in 1813 #58 William Coombs

Remember in the Livingston County History that the widow settled in Saratoga county New York. Did they move there around 1814? If the Coombs family were farming there it would have been strong motivation for the son George W. Taylor to move to Saratoga. But that is the subject of the next chapter.

Summary of the John Taylor Family:

JOHN TAYLOR
Emigrated from Edinburgh Scotland about 1785

First son John Taylor, mother unknown
Married Hannah Carey 2 September 1786
Children:
Robert Taylor b. 10 Oct 1790
William Taylor b. 13 Jul 1794
George Taylor b. 10 Jul 1796
Jo Lusk Taylor
Hannah Proctor Taylor

Died: At sea about May 1806

Hannah Taylor m. William Coombs 26 Mar 1808

CHAPTER TWO

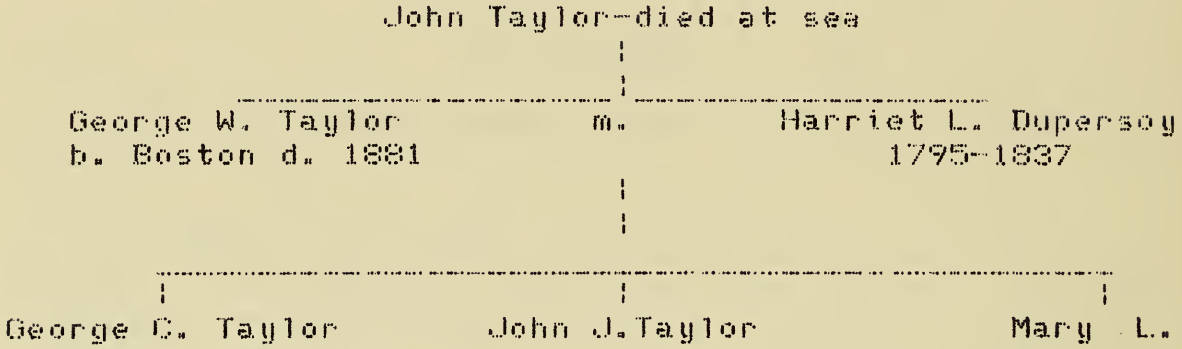
GEORGE W. TAYLOR, MARINER AND FARMER 1796-1881

The search for George W. Taylor lasted for me for more than ten years. I received the first ray of hope when I learned about George C. Taylor who lived in Livingston County, Illinois. The US census of 1880 for Livingston County was found in the National Archives in Washington DC. In that census George C. Taylor stated that his father was born in Massachusetts. I began to get a feeling for the seafaring nature of the Taylors at that time because in the same article I learned that George C. Taylor was born in the Island of Saint Bartholomew. If that were true then the father of George C. must have been in the shipping business working between Boston and the West Indies.

In January 1984 I received one of many letters from Ruth Morrison who was interested in the Taylor family origins. In that letter was an excerpt from the Portrait and Biographical Album, Livingston County Ill, 1885.---

> George C. Taylor... is the son of George W. and Harriet L. Taylor, the former a native of Boston, Mass., and the latter of the West Indies. This branch of the Taylor family is of Scotch ancestry, but the mother of our subject is of French and English descent. ...George W., the father of our subject was also a sea captain in his early manhood, but later abandoned the ocean and settled down on terra firma.

In another letter, Ruth Morrison was relating family history passed down by her mother. " My mother was named Harriet Louise, for her great grandmother Harriet Louise Oupersoy, who was the daughter of the French plantation owner." In another letter: "I also had Harriet Louise Oupersoy's Bible, a small leather volume, with her name on the fly leaf in her own handwriting. The last time our son was here, I gave it to him." Ruth also had her husband Jim Morrison print up a short family tree of which the following is a part:



At the time I received this letter I had not yet uncovered the court records and church records discussed in Chapter 1. This was therefore exciting news, and raised many questions that Ruth did her best to answer.

Quoting again from the Livingston County History: page 366: The name of the father of our subject was George W. Taylor, who was born in Boston, Mass., and was the third son of the family. He obtained an excellent education in his youth, and became so proficient in mathematics and naytical studies that he was able to command a vessel, and followed the ocean for fifteen years, but gave up that vocation at the earnest request of his wife, Harriet L. Dupersoy, and adopted farming as his occupation, which he made a success. He resided in the State of New York during his life, and died in 1881. Having been economical he succeeded in accumulating about $20,000. His wife was of French-English descent, and was born in 1795, and died in 1837. She was the mother of three children: George C., who married Uretta Bentley: John J., our subject, and Mary L., who married O.H.P. Nash.

Also in the Livingston Country History is mentioned that George W. moved to Saratoga Springs when George C. was seven months old. That would have been in August 1817.

From all these records, and information learned in the previous chapter a picture of the early life of George W. is formed. His father died at sea when George was 10 years old, leaving young George with enough money to receive a good education. He followed in his

father's footsteps, and became a sea captain plying the sea routes between Boston and the West Indies. He married a French girl, in the West Indies and when he was 21, George C. was born. In 1817 he moved his family to Saratoga County New York. A second son John J. was born on 17 July 1818 in New York.

George turned to farming, probably about 1830 and the next date of importance is the death of his wife Harriet on 15 March 1837, a date kindly furnished by the Saratoga county historian, Mrs John L. Ostrander.

The census records search for the Taylor family begins in 1820, since we know George W. did not leave the West Indies until 1817.

Census of 1820

N.Y. 1820 Taylor, Geo Sara 232 Milton
Males under 10 2
probably George C. 1817
John J. 1818
Males 16 to 26
George W. 1796
Female under 10
Mary 1819?
Female 26-45
Harriett Louise Dupersoy
Occupation Agriculture

Census of 1840

N.Y. Saratoga Co Milton Reel 336 Page 77
Taylor
Males 20 to 30
John J 1818 (George C. was married in 1837)
Female 30 to 40
Cynthia 2nd wife (Harriett Louise 1795-1837)
Male 40 to 50
George (W) Taylor 1796

Census of 1850

Town of Milton Page 85 family No 605

Taylor	George W.	53	Farmer	Mass
	Cynthia	46		
	William H	10		
	Oscar	8		
	Proctor	6		
	Lee (m)	4		
Daley	Mary	19		

George W.'s second son John J. Taylor left home in 1847 to travel. He wrote an interesting letter which relates the happenings of the day. The original of this letter is currently in my custody. It was written by John J. Taylor to his brother George C. Taylor.

Gallatin Tenn, Jan 18th 1847

Dear Brother & Sister

I am afraid you will think that I have not fulfilled my promises by not writing until the present. After leaving Milton I visited Lenox spending 3 or 4 days with Aunt Hannah, then went to New York and spent only one day but stopped nearly a week in Philadelphia. I went from there to Pittsburg on the state canal & Railroad, and found it more comfortable than the route from Baltimore to Wheeling. I stopped in Pittsburgh upwards of a week, during the time I went through most of the principal machine shops, furnaces, glass works & etc spending the time quite pleasantly but not profitably, but I was obliged to stay.

After taking passage on a boat for Smithland I ascertained that it was one of the meanest boats on the Ohio and concluded to leave it, the first opportunity which was at Cincinnati. Here I was quite fortunate on getting one of the best boats, on the river, and proceeded direct for Nashville arriving there on the 6th of December without any accident on the whole route. Until the present I have seen only a few of my acquaintances.

I staid in Nashville 5 weeks with some profit at least more than I ever before made in the same length of time. The weather through the whole of December was mild and extremely pleasant. It was just such weather as I liked. But O! haven't we had pay for it since. On the first inst there was a slight change growing cooler, on the 7th it was really cold & on the 8th the thermiometer stood at 20 degrees below the freezing point. I tell you it was cold, when one snuffed, his nose would freeze together. The snow fell to the depth of 10 inches and remained on the ground four days. The Tennesseanians made good use of the time in rigging up jumpers for rides. Indeed I saw more sleigh riding than I have before since leaving home in 1840--During the cold weather, Shoudy was on his way to Nashville, from Lexington, he came on horseback and suffered very

much. We were together four days in Nashville. To be with him once more seemed like old times. On Saturday last he went to Lebanon and I came to Gallatin and will remain here some 8 or ten days, then go some where else.

I purchased a horse saddle and bridle for $47.50 and think that I got cheated a little but he is a good horse for service and worth more than that money to me. I am expecting travel a considerable entirely on horse back but my place of rendezvouz will be Nashville where you will please direct letters. I cannot say whether I will grow rich or not, but I have resolved to make or break.

I really wish Mr Hall the gentleman who took my likenesses had come to Nashville this winter. I am confident that the business would have been most profitable. There is a young man from Vermont in N. who is taking a great many likenesses and I think inferior to the Halls who charges $4.00 a piece for those the same size of mine, he is getting rich. The Legislature of this state meets in October next. (You are aware I suppose that it meets only once in two years), and he (Shaw) then calculates to make a handsome sum of money for while the session lasts there are a great many of the principal personages of the state visiting Nashville. If Mr. Hall was by brother I should advise him to obtain a good room in some conspicuous part of the city and try his luck, but you know I cannot tell what changes will take place between now and then. If he should conclude to come I should not like to influence him to the movement for it might result in a failure. I frequently wish that I could spend a few days at home and make my friends a visit. I should enjoy their good buckwheat pancakes and apples. I have eaten some here but they don't know how to make them. I do not know however as I should complain much for I have first rate sweet potatoes and yams for a substitute.

Remember me to your father G, his family, and all enquiring friends,. I still think I shall have a northern wife. Your confiding brother (signed) John J. Taylor.

ps I don't feel like reading this over if there are mistakes please excuse them. JCT

The above letter was addressed to Mr George C. Taylor. Ballston, Saratoga Co, N. York. Care of Otis Bentley
The postal stamp reads 20 January

The reference in this letter to Aunt Hannah is interesting, and is most likely Hannah Proctor Taylor. She may have been living in Lenox but is she married? The address in care of Otis Bentley ties the wife of George C. Taylor to the well known Bentley clan of Milton. (Uretta Bentley Taylor, wife of George C.)

George W. Taylor worked a farm about 2 miles west of Crane Village, just north of Ballston Spa. He is reported to have lived the rest of his life in New York, and died in 1881. As of this writing the exact circumstances of his death are not known.

Summary of the George W. Taylor family

GEORGE W. TAYLOR

Born (baptized) 10 July 1796 New North Church Boston Massachusetts
Early Occupation Sea Captain

Later Occupation Farmer

Married about 1816 Harriett Louise Dupersoy 1795-1837
Is of St Bartholomew West Indies

Children
George C. Taylor b. 30 Jan 1817 St Bartholomew
John J. Taylor b. 17 Jan 1818 Milton
Mary L. Taylor b. 1819?

Second wife
Cynthia m. 1838-1840?
Children
William Taylor b. 1839
Oscar Taylor b. 1842
Proctor Taylor b. 1844
Lee Taylor

CHAPTER THREE

GEORGE C. TAYLOR, FARMER 1817-1893

George C. Taylor was born on the Island of St. Bartholomew on 30 January 1817. His grandfather John Taylor was a mariner who died at sea. His father became a mariner and sailed between Boston and the Island of Saint Bartholomew where he met his young bride, Harriett Louise Dupersoy, a daughter of a French plantation owner. The baptismal certificate of young George reads as follows:

> I the Undersigned, chaplain to His Majesty and Rector of the Protestant Church in the Island of Saint Bartholomew, do by these Presents certify, according to the registry of above Church, that the Child named George Charles Coomb, legi time Son of George Taylor and Harriette L. Taylor, born Dupersoy, was born the 30th of January in the Year 1817, and Christened the 3rd of August in that same year. The Godfathers were John C. Closs: William Coomb; and the GodMothers: Sarah Post; Mary Blyden.
>
> Gustavia, August 8th 1817
>
> signed S. A. Lonner
> (seal)

The original of the above certificate is currently in the author's custody, held in trust for the Taylor family.

We now turn again to the History of Livingston Country and read what George had to say about his own history, as this was written while he was still alive:

> George C. Taylor, a representative farmer and stock-raiser of Pontiac Township, and a gentleman who has been eminently successful in life, is a native of the island of St. Bartholomew, West Indies, where his birth took place Jan. 30, 1817. He is the son of George W. and Harriet L. Taylor, the former a native of Boston, Mass., and the latter of the West Indies. This branch of the Taylor family is of Scotch ancestry, but the mother of our subject is of French and English descent.... When our subject was seven months

old his parents removed to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where he was reared to manhood, receiving careful home training and completing his education at Milton Hill Academy. He possessed considerable musical talent, and for many years was employed as a teacher of this art. Mr. Taylor was first married, Sept. 15, 1837, to Miss Uretta Bentley, a native of Saratoga County, N.Y., and they became the parents of four children, of whom only one survives, John C., who is now a resident of Pontiac Township. The deceased were named respectively, James, Otis B. and George W. The mother of these children died on the 8th of March, 1877. Mr. Taylor was again married, Aug. 16, 1877 to Miss Minerva E. North, daughter of Oliver and Mary North, and a native of Michigan.... Mr. Taylor came to this county in 1858, and located on section 36, in Pontiac Township, where for some years he was engaged in farming pursuits. He owns fifty acres of valuable land, besides property in the village, and is looked upon by his fellow townsmen as a self-made man, who has improved his opportunities and justly deserves the comforts of which he is now in possession. He has been quite prominent in local affairs, serving as School Director, Commissioner of Highways and Vice President of the County Agricultural Society. He was also Highway Commissioner six years, and officiated as President of the County Bible Society two years, besides being Sunday-school Superintendent and otherwise interested in the progress and welfare of his community. Religiously, he is connected with the Baptist Church, In politics, he affiliates with the Republican party.

The above was written about George in the setting of Pontiac Illinois, but before we continue in Pontiac lets take a look at a few of the records available in Saratoga county New York, where George grew up, was married, and had his family.

1840 US Census
Reel #336 Page 74 Saratoga Co Milton NY
Taylor, George C.

Male	age 10--15	(unknown)
Male	age 20-30	George C.
Female	age 20-30	Uretta

1850 US Census
Town of Milton Page 85 Family # 611

Taylor, George C.	Age 33	Farmer	West Indies
Euretta F.	33		
Otis B	9		
John C.	7		
George W.	6 mo.		

Other persons in the Taylor listing:

Smith, Sarah	13		
McAvoy, Michael	16	Laborer	Ireland

From the Livingston County Biographical Record p.153-4

> George C. Taylor was reared in Saratoga county and there married Miss Uretta Bentley, a native of Saratoga county and a daughter of Otis Bentley, one of the pioneers of Saratoga county, who lived to the remarkable old age of ninety-nine years and six months, and whose faculties were preserved to the last. He (Otis) continued to vote at every election until within one month of his death, voting at an election in March and dying the next April. He never wore glasses and could see to read until near the last. In Saratoga county George C. Taylor engaged in agricultural pursuits until his removal to Livingston county in 1858.

The above article was of particular interest as it ties Uretta Bentley to Otis Bentley of whom more will follow. In 1852 the members of the church quilted a beautiful quilt for Uretta. The quilt has twenty squares which are surrounded by a border of red yellow and green flowers. Each square is signed, and the square just above the center displays a golden anchor, a recognition of the Taylor interests at sea. The center square reads as follows:

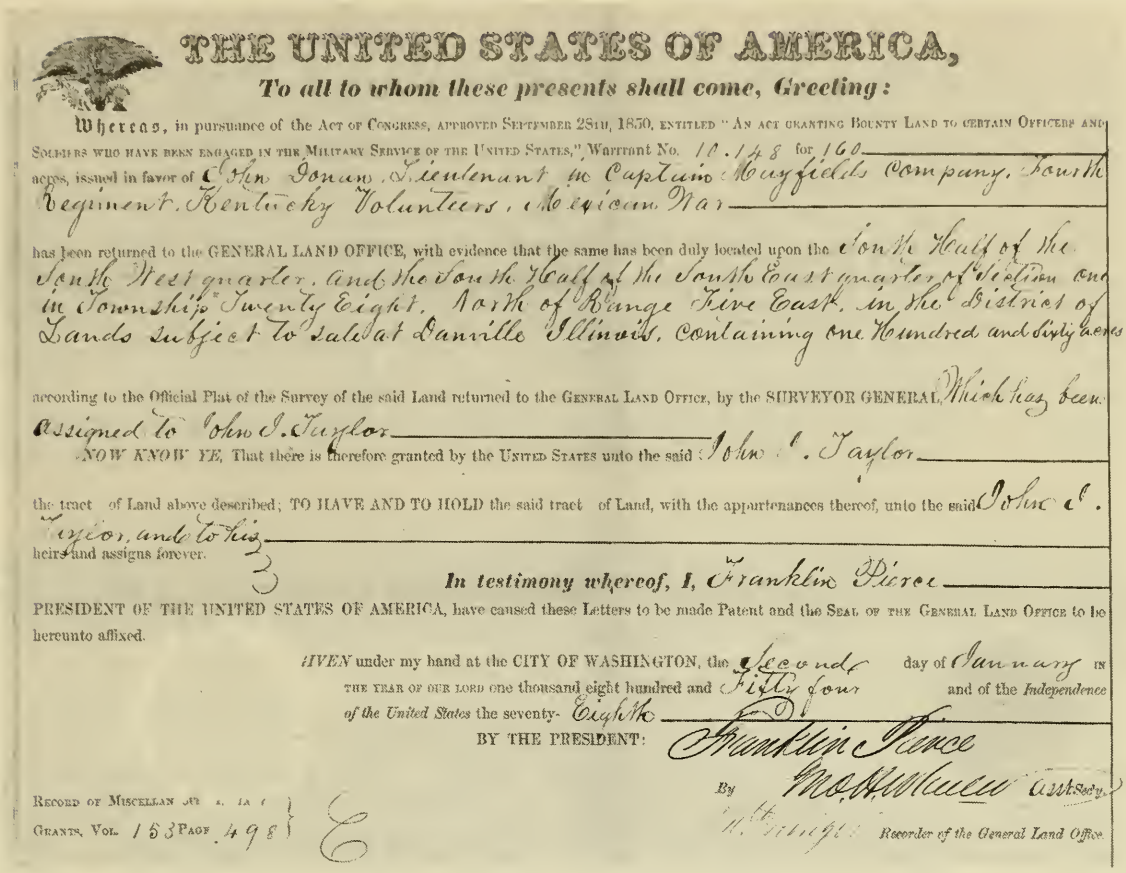
This is the work of many dear
Whose names are all recorded here
And when my friends are far away
Or resting in their sweet clay
This quilt shall recall to new
The kindnesses received from you.

Sept 13th 1852 Mrs G. C. Taylor

The Taylor Quilt 1852

The quilt was handed down from the eldest daughter to the eldest daughter and is now held by the Bunting family in London England. Ruth Morrison kindly sent me some pictures of the quilt, one of which is shown above.

The migration of farmers from the fertile fields in Saratoga county to Illinois is somewhat of a puzzlement, since Illinois in 1850 was a pioneering venture and in many cases very dangerous. In fact Pontiac Illinois was the site of a violent Cholera epidemic in the 1840's and few people would voluntarily stop there. Recall for a moment our letter writing brother of George, John J. Taylor. You recall his interest in turning a profit and traveling. He evidently moved west to Illinois from 1847 and on January 2 1854 he accepted title to a grant of land.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas, in pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved September 28th, 1850, entitled "An act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," Warrant No. 10.148 for 160 acres, issued in favor of John Donan, Lieutenant in Captain Mayfields Company, Fourth Regiment, Kentucky Volunteers, Mexican War

has been returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the South Half of the South West quarter, and the South Half of the South East quarter of Section one in Township Twenty Eight, North of Range Five East, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Danville Illinois, containing one Hundred and Sixty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the General Land Office, by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, Which has been assigned to John J. Taylor

NOW KNOW YE, That there is therefore granted by the United States unto the said John J. Taylor

the tract of Land above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said John J. Taylor, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Franklin Pierce

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the Second day of January in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and Fifty four and of the *Independence of the United States* the seventy-Eighth

BY THE PRESIDENT: Franklin Pierce

By M. A. Wheeler Asst. Sec'y.

W. Wright Recorder of the General Land Office.

Record of Miscellaneous Land Grants, Vol. 153 Page 498

John J. Taylor Land Grant

On page 307 of The History of Livingston County is an article entitled: Letter in the Livingston County News.

> Perhaps but few items of news, in a little local paper, have had more to do with settling up the country, or have had more influence in bringing people to realize the value of farming lands in this vicinity, than the following, which is an extract of a letter written by John J. Taylor, now banker, of Fairburg, then farmer, of Pontiac Township:
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> > I have broken my land, fenced it, built a house and stable, dug a well and paid for the land and all of the improvements, from the first crop and have $144.00 overplus.

> This was said of what is still known as the Taylor Farm. Mr Taylor had broken his land and sowed it to wheat, and the yield had been enormous, averaging over thirty bushels to the acre; and, as the land had been bought cheap, and the price of wheat that year was over $1.00 per bushel, the result was easily accomplished. This item was copied into the agricultural papers, and from them into many Eastern Journals, and by them commented upon; so that it was brought to the notice of many who were thereby induced to emigrate to the county.

The experience of his brother John no doubt influenced George to move to Illinois, and he did so in 1858. From the Livingston County Biographical Record we continue with:

> In Saratoga county George C. Taylor engaged in agricultural pursuits until his removal to Livingston county in 1858. Here he purchased an undivided half of a half section of land which had been entered by his brother, John J. Taylor, and which had been partially improved. In partnership with his brother he commenced the further improvement of the place and in due time had one of the best farms in the township. He later purchased the interest of his brother in the half section and continued to live on that homestead until his death, December 9, 1893.

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Court Records, Pontiac Illinois Book S pages 334-5
Warrantee Deed
John J. Taylor and Wife
to George C. Taylor

This indenture made and entered into this twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine between John J. Taylor and Hannah E. Taylor his wife of the County of Sangamon and State of Illinois of the first part and George C. Taylor of the county of Livingston and State of Illinois of the second part witnesseth that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve Hundred and Thirty dollars, and in hand paid by the said party of the second part the Receipt

whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and by the presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns that certain tract of Land situate lying and being in the County of Livingston and State of Illinois known and designated as follows: to wit The North West quarter of the North East quarter, & the North East quarter of the North West quarter of Section twenty one (21) in township twenty seven (27) North of Range five (5) East of the third (3rd) principal meridian containing eighty acres according to United States Survey.

To have and to hold the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land, together with all and singular the privileges and appurtenances therewith belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the only proper use and benefit of him the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever. And the said party of the first part for their heirs executors and administrators, do covenant with the said party of the second part that they are lawfully seized in fee of the afore granted premise that they are free from all incumbrances that they have full right to convey and will forever warrant and defend the said tract of land from the claim of them the said party of the first part their heirs and assigns and against the claim or claims of any person whomsoever.

In testimony whereof the said party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

In presence of — John J. Taylor
Marshal Gram, witness to H E Taylor — H Elizabeth Taylor
Wm G Barrons witness to H E Taylor

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There are many more records of the purchase of land and property by George C. Taylor in the Pontiac area. Since the above was the first it was included here in its entirety. All of the early court records were transcribed by hand and are sometimes difficult to read. The Pontiac courthouse is an interesting old building, and the records are located in tall stacks requiring the use of a ladder to reach the books. The court house personnel were friendly and helpful in the pursuit of this research.

US Census 1860 Livingston Co Illinois, Pontiac Township

George C.	Tailor	43	Farmer	St Bartholomew WI
Uretta L.	Tailor	43		New York
Otis B.	Tailor	19		New York
John C.	Tailor	16		New York
Geo W.	Tailor	11		New York

The spelling error by the census taker made it difficult to find the record, but as shown a complete search of the record and persistence paid off.

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The Civil war came to Pontiac and played a part in the Taylor family history. Otis B. Taylor born 1840 in Milton New York enlisted in the 129th Regiment, Illinois Infantry Company A on the 2nd of August 1862 for a period of three years. The Company muster-in was September 8, 1862. From the Livingston County War and History Record we read:

> President Lincoln had issued his call for three hundred thousand volunteers, and loyal men, all over the North were enlisting in the service of their country. The idea that seventy-five thousand men could crush the rebellion in three months had exploded; and the call of the President met a hearty response in Livingston County. professional men, mechanics and farmers left their families and their business, and enrolled their names "for three years or during the war." Company A was raised in Pontiac..... The regiment was organized September 8, 1862... remained in camp, at Pontiac, until the 22nd of September, when it was ordered to Louisville, Ky., where it joined the Thirty-eighth Brigade of the Twelfth Division, under Maj. Gen. Gilbert. On the 3rd of October they were ordered forward, in pursuit of Gen Bragg, who was threatening Louisville. His retreat led them by way of Frankfort and Danville, to Crab Orchard. On the 20th of October the brigade having been transferred to the Tenth Division, commenced a return march to Bowling Green arriving at which place, they remained until the 21st of November, when they were ordered to Mitchellville to guard the Louiseville and Nashville Railroad. In this duty the

> regiment being stationed in detachments at Mitchellville, Buck's Lodge, Fountain Head and South Tunnel, continued until June 9, 1863...

On 30 December 1862, Otis B. Taylor died in the Regimental Hospital at Fountain Head Tenn of disease contracted while in the line of his duty. From the National Archives in Washington DC is the following:

> Inventory of the Effects of Otis B. Taylor late a Private of Captain John A Hoskins Company A of the 129th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers who was enrolled as a Private at Pontiac In the State of Illinois on the 2nd day of August, and Mustered into the Service of the United States as a private on the 8th of September 1862 at Pontiac Illinois in Company A 129th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers to serve 3 years or during the war. He was born in Milton in the State of New York. he was 22 years of age, 5 feet 7 1/2 inches high. Fair Complexion Black Eyes and Black Hair. By occupation when enrolled a Farmer. He died in Regimental Hospital at Bucks Lodge Tennessee on the 30th day of December 1862 by reason of Measles. Inventory: 1 overcoat, two shirts and 1 cap. I certify on honor that the above inventory comprises all the effects of Private Otis B. Taylor, deceased and that the effects are in the hands of Lieut. John McWilliams Quarter Master of said Regiment to be disposed of by a Council of Administration. 1st Lieut J.F. Culver commanding the company, Richland Station Tenn March 31st 1863

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The above file was requested on November 5th 1982 and was the first instance that I was aware of that the Taylor family was from Milton New York. That fact made it possible to trace the the Taylor family in Milton.

George C. and his family began to prosper on the farm after the Civil War, and in the 1870 census we begin to see the value of the properties and holdings:

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US Census 1870 Livingston Co Ill Town of Pontiac pg 15

Taylor	George C.	53	real estate $10,000 pers $5,000.	born WI, citizen
	Uretta	53	keeps house	born N.Y.
	George	20	jeweler	born N.Y.
	Sylvester Anna	13		
	Mahomy Jennie	19		

As a historical note Thomas Edison invented the electric light in 1870. It is hard to imagine what life was like without electricity.

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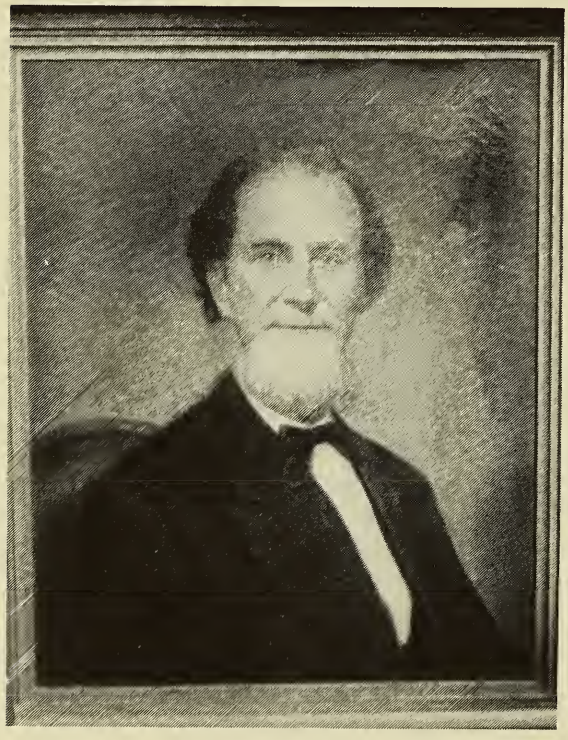
About this time (1870) George C. had portraits made of all the family. It is believed that the portrait of John C. was destroyed in a fire in Zion Illinois, but three of the portraits are in existence today. Shown below are the portraits of George C. and Uretta Taylor. These had been badly damaged, and have been restored by Elizabeth Bunting, descendent of George C. Elizabeth was kind enough to send me photo copies of the portraits;



George C. Taylor

Uretta T. Taylor

The author is holding the third portrait in trust for the Taylor family. It also was badly damaged and has been restored. It was known as "Uncle George" and will continue in that name. It is a likeness of a young man with a gold stick pin, and it is assumed to be of George W. Taylor who was born in New York in 1850.

George W. Taylor

On 13 September 1871, George W. Taylor died in Saratoga county New York. The circumstances and burial location are currently unknown. The surviving son of George C. Taylor was now John C. Taylor, the subject of our next chapter.

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The Pontiac Sentinel
Pontiac Illinois
Thursday March 15 1877

> Local Intelligence Mrs Euretta Taylor, wife of George C. Taylor, Esq., died at her home near Pontiac on Thursday last, of heart disease, aged sixty years. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church, of which deceased was an active member, on Sunday afternoon and were largely attended.

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Uretta Bentley Taylor, died 8 March 1877 and is buried in the Pontiac cemetery. John C. Taylor purchased the 6 grave lot on Aug 20 1873 for $10.00. It is Block 30 Lot #8, original edition. There are two unused grave sites remaining. Thanks go to Jim Melvin, Sexton of the South Side Cemetery who did the research in locating the graves.

Later the same year, 1877 George C. married again. His marriage license is recorded in book G in the Pontiac Court House. Date 16 Aug 1877 #292. Taylor, George C. age 60 to Miss Minerva E. North age 19. Aug 16 1877 Married, Gospel minister, Recorded 23 Aug 1877.

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The Pontiac Sentinel
Pontiac Illinois
Wednesday August 22, 1877

Married:
TAYLOR NORTH At the residence of the groom, on Friday, August 17th, by Rev. J. F. Culver, Geo. C. Taylor to Miss Emma North.

and in the same edition of the paper:

Notice: I have $5,000 to loan on improved farming lands. Geo. C. Taylor

Is it coincidence, or is the Rev. J. F. Culver the same person who signed the inventory of Otis in 1863?

US Census 1880 pg 19 Pontiac Township, Livingston Co

Taylor	Geo	63	farming b. West Indies
			mother West Indies
			father Mass
	Minerva	23	wife keeping house
	North, Carrie	14	sister in law

In 1878 at the time of publication of the Livingston County History, it was noted that George C. owned a finely improved farm of 50 acres. It is likely that the remaining portion of the farm was given to his son John C. The farm was worth $100.00 per acre. He also owned a residence and property in Pontiac with a value of $6,000.

George C. apparently lived a happy and successful life until his death in 1893. The following newspaper reports were found on microfilm:

The Pontiac Sentinel
Friday December 15, 1893

George C. Taylor

Last Saturday, at his home on section 36 of this township, occurred the death of George C. Taylor, at the age of 76 years from lung fever. The remains were laid to rest in the Houder cemetery, Monday afternoon, Rev. S. Hussey, officiating.

Mr. Taylor was born on the island of St. Bartholomew, one of the West Indies, Jan, 30, 1817. When he was seven months old his parents moved to Saratoga Springs, N.Y. He came to this county in 1858 and settled on the farm on which he died. He was married twice, his last wife surviving him, and one son, John C., the only one of the three children by his first wife. He was a man of warm, genial nature and highly respected by his neighbors. He was a prominent member of the Baptist church of this city. The funeral was attended by a large number of people from the county and city.

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The Weekly Leader
Pontiac Illinois
Thursday December 14 1893

Death of Geo. Taylor
An Old Livingston County Man Passes to his Long Home

George C. Taylor, a well known and highly esteemed resident in Pontiac township, passed to the spiritual world on Saturday afternoon of last week in the seventy sixth year of his age.

He was born on the island of St. Bartholomew, West Indies, Jan. 30, 1817; but was sent by his father, who was an American merchant at that point, to Saratoga county, New York, to be educated. In 1858 he removed to this county and settled in Pontiac township where he has since resided on section thirty six. He was married Sept. 13 1837 to Miss Uretta T. Bentley, of

Saratoga county, N.Y. By this marriage he had three sons, only one of whom John C., is now living. Otis B. one of his other sons was a member of the 129th Illinois volunteers and died in the army, the other son George W, a jeweler of this city, died in Saratoga county, N.Y. His first wife died March 8, 1877 and he was married again to Miss Minerva E. North of this city who still survives him.

Mr. Taylor was familiarly known as "Uncle George" and was a courteous affable gentleman of the old school. He never permitted himself to harbor an evil thought toward anyone, and had not an enemy in the world. At one time he was a prominent and active member of the Baptist church, but during the later years of his life he lost his hearing and did not attend church.

He was a brother to the well known Fairbury banker, John J. Taylor. He leaves a finely improved farm south of the city to his son and heir, John C. Taylor. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, the remains being laid to rest in Howder's cemetery.

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Houder Cemetery, legal name "Union" is located in Owego Township along the river, not far from the Taylor farm. The marker stone is a large red granite, but the engraving is nearly impossible to read.

Often times the hand written wills of the deceased tell us more about their character and family. The following will of George C. is included in its entirety. The handwriting starts bold and firm. However, after the first codicile, the writing becomes shakey and infirm.

Will of George C. Taylor

I George C. Taylor of the Township of Pontiac, County of Livingston and State of Illinois, do hereby make publish and declare the following to be my last will and testament. That is to say: First:

I desire all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid in full. Second:

I give and bequeath to my beloved wife, Minerva E, the possession, use and control of the following

described real estate, to wit: The seventy (70) acres off the east side of the southwest quarter of Section No. Thirty six (36) in Township No. Twenty eight (28) North, Range Five (5) East of the Third (3rd) Principal Meridian, in said County of Livingston and State of Illinois: To have and hold the interest above devised to her so long as she shall remain my widow, and to cease and determine upon her death, or sooner if she shall again marry. This devise to her of said interest to said premises is upon the express condition that she shall not permit or knowingly suffer one Albert Workley or his wife to come upon said premises or any part thereof during the continuance of the estate or interest therein, hereby devised to her. and I further declare that if she shall ever violate the said condition, that from thence and thereafter, all her right title estate and interest herein devised to her in the South half of said seventy acre tract above more particularly described shall at once cease and determine, and my son John C. Taylor shall thereupon be entitled to the possession, use and control of the said South half of said premises (herein before devised to my said wife) under the devise to him of the fee hereinafter more fully expressed. The taxes upon said seventy acres are to be paid by my said wife during the continuance of her interest therein. Third:

I give and bequeath to my said wife absolutely, the Holstein cow, that I now have upon the farm where I now live, also the gray mare that I now own and drive, and the new carriage that I now own, and one single harness, to be selected by her from any I own at time of my death; also all the household kitchen, bedchamber, and table furniture (except as hereinafter stated) together with the beds and bedding that I may be possessed of at time of my decease. Fourth:

I devise to my son John C. Taylor lot one (1) of Subdivision of lot Five (5) in Block Forty three (43) in the Original Town, now City of Pontiac to him and his heirs forever. Fifth:

I give and bequeath to my said son John C. all the family portraits and all the silverware that I had in my possession when I married the said Minerva E. my present wife. Sixth:

I devise to my said son John C. Taylor the fee in and to the Seventy acre tract of land described in the second clause of this will, subject to the interest and

estate of my said wife Minerva as declared in said second clause of this my will to have and hold the same to him and his heirs and assigns forever. Seventh:

All the rest and residue of my property whether real, personal or mixed, including all contracts, credits, choses in action, and rights of actions of whatsoever kin and wheresoever situate, I devise, give and bequeath to my executors, hereinafter named, for the following uses and purposes viz: to convert the same in to interest bearing obligations at the best obtainable rates of interest, and to keep the principal fund loaned out at the best rates of interest, as fast as money may come into their hands; and out of the income thus arising, to first pay the costs and expenses of this trust and all taxes assessed against the principal fund. and then annually to pay over to my said wife four percent interest upon said principal fund. less one half of the said taxes and expenses of the trust, during the time she remains my widow, and the balance of the annual income, arising from said principal, shall be paid over to my said son John C. Taylor. it being my intention that my said widow shall yearly receive out of the income arising from said principal fees a sum equal to four percent interest upon said principal fund less one half the expenses and taxes thereon first, then if any amount be left from such income, my said son is to receive it. After the death of my said wife or her remarriage if she should again marry, the principal of said fund and all accrued interest and accumulations thereof if any, are to be paid over to my said son John C. for his own use benefit and behoof. To the end than any real estate in this clause of my will directed to be converted into money and loaned, or that in the course of the execution of this trust may vest in my executors, may be sold and conveyed. I hereby authorize and empower my said executors to sell and upon such sale to execute all contracts and deeds of conveyance deemed necessary to invest any purchases from them with the title to any such real estate. Eighth:

If my said wife Minerva E. should renounce the provisions herein made for her and elect to take under the statutes of this state, then and in that case, I devise, give and bequeath to my said son John C. Taylor all my property of every kind, whether real, personal or mixed, without any conditions or qualifications annexed thereto except such rights and interest therein as my widow the said Minerva can and will have under

the laws of the State of Illinois. Lastly:

I nominate and appoint my said son John C. and my said wife Minerva E. executors of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have on this 28th day of April A D 1893 affixed my hand and seal in the presence of William Miller and Wm. S. Lacy who at my request and in my presence and in the presence of each other, have on said day signed as witnesses hereto. Hereby revoking all former wills by me made. signed: Geo C. Taylor

Whereas, I George C. Taylor did on the 28th day of April, make and publish my last will and testament, which is unrevoked and unannulled, and being now desirous of making changes therein and additions thereto do make and publish the following codicil thereto:

1st: The fifth clause of said will is so modified that my said wife Minerva shall have the full possession and use of the said silverware mentioned therin as bequeathed to my said son, so long as she remains my widow, and shall keep the same in the house where we now reside it being my desire that said silverware shall not be removed from said house.

2nd. Not feeling very favorably disposed to one Mary North on account of matters not necessary to mention here, I desire and direct that my said wife shall not furnish her the said Mary North, a home or domicil upon the premises in said will devised to my said wife by said will neither shall she the said Mary North be allowed to come upon the same or remain there, except upon mere temporary visits to my said wife; and if my said wife shall violate the said desires and directions in this regard, then her estate and interest in and to fifteen acres of the said seventy acres devised to her shall cease and determine, and my said son John shall be let unto the full possession thereof under the devise in fee to him of said seventy acres mentioned in said will. The fifteen acres above named which shall be forfeited by my said wife upon breach of the condition by her as aforesaid shall be taken off of the South side of the North half of said seventy acre tract by said will devised as aforesaid to my said wife for life upon the conditions therein expressed. In witness whereof I have on this 24th day of July AD 1893, signed my name and affixed my seal. signed: Geo C. Taylor

I George C. Taylor declare the following to be a second codicil to my will made April 28 1893.

1st. Whereas I did by codicil made to said will and attached thereto on the 24th day of July 1893 modify the fifth clause of my said will, thereby giving my wife the full possession and use of the silverware named in said fifth clause of my said will but by inadvertance I neglected to have inserted in said first clause of said codicil the family portraits as named in said fifth clause of my said will. Now I include in the said first clause of the said codicil of July 24th 1893 the portraits named in said fifth clause of my said will, placing them upon the footing as the said silverware is placed by said first clause of said codicil. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of August 1893.

signed: Geo C. Taylor (seal)

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The affidavit of decease was filed by John C. Taylor on 20 December 1893 giving the date of death as 9 December 1893.

George Taylor was an American pioneer, a man of character, and a gentleman who became successful by hard work on his farm. We can be proud to have him in our ancestry.

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We will now go back in time to look at the family of Uretta Thankful Bentley wife of George C. Taylor who was born January 12, 1817 in Milton, Saratoga county, New York. Her father, Otis Bentley lived to be 99 1/2 years old. In Sylvester's History of Saratoga County, Otis describes the early years:

> The following items are from the recollections of Otis Bentley, living near the stone church, a man of eighty four years, with the vigor, clearness of statement, and accuracy of memory that would indicate not more than sixty five. His father, John Bentley, came to this place in 1778 or 79 and settled on the present family homestead. At that time there was only one house at Saratoga Springs. He took up one hundred and fifty acres lease lands.... There was no

> house at the present village of Ballston Spa, but the springs were known and visited to some extent. The only accommodation for the public was a gourd dipper hanging upon a tree near.... John Bentley set out an orchard on his first arrival, one hundred years ago. They were just beginning to bear at the earliest recollection of the son. One tree is still left, and bearing.... The children of John Bentley by his first wife were Sarah, who became Mrs Snyder of Milton; Catharine, Mrs Green of Clifton Park; Elizabeth, Mrs Tillinghast Bentley of Milton; Charity, Mrs Southwick of Greenfield; Patience, Mrs John P. Bentley, of Troy; John settled in Greenfield, and Abel in Oswego county. By his second wife the children were Otis, who furnishes these items, and seven other sons, all of whom removed to Oswego county. David, Pardon, Stephen, Adam, Elias, Gregory, and Reuben.

The following is from the Boston Transcript 20 April 1933 item # 6343:

> Tillinghast Bentley born June 2, 1735, North Kingston, R. I. son of William and Elizabeth (Tillinghast) Bentley (Vol. 5, page 57, R. I. Vital Records). He died in Milton N.Y. He married May 29 1755, Sarah Thomas of South Kingston, R. I. (Vol. 5, page 8, Rhode Island Vital Records). They had John, George, Tabor, Thomas, Tillness, Joseph, Samuel (History of the Bentleys, by Lewis Bentley, published by W. E. Warner, Maple Rapids, Mich.)

In the same article the next generation:

> John Bentley... was born in Rhode Island, Dec. 3, 1756. Before 1775 the family moved to Beekman, Dutchess County, N.Y., and in 1778-9 John removed to Milton, N.Y. (Sylvester's History of Saratoga Co., N.Y.) His wife Mary died in 1793 and in 1794 he married Thankful Ballou, daughter of David, descendant of Maturin Ballou of Rhode Island. John and Mary had Sarah, Catharine, Elizabeth, Charity, Patience, John, Abel.

> John and Thankful had Otis, David, Pardon, Stephen, Adam, Elias, Gregory and Reuben.

Having established the Bentley family line, the article continues:

> The cemetery records of Saratoga County Epitaphs by C. E. Durkee, Vol. 1, p. 284-285, of Boyce cemetery, Milton N.Y., contains the following records of Bentleys: Tillinghast, died Aug. 3, 1820, eighty-six years. Sarah, died April 23, 1824, eighty-nine years. Thankful, died Nov. 12, 1830, sixty-three years; John, died July 20, 1830 seventy-five years. Patience, daughter of John, died Sept. 3, 1811 twenty-four years. Mary, wife of John Bentley, May 27, 1793, "in the 30th of her years."

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We will now shift to the Ballou line, and see from whom Thankful Ballou Bentley, wife of John Bentley is descendent.

The following information found in the St Louis public library is from "Americana" Vol 29:

> Maturin Ballou, born probably in England between 1610 and 1620, was a coproprietor of the Providence Plantations in the Colony of Rhode Island....Maturin Ballou married Hannah Pike, daughter of Robert and Catherine Pike, who was born probably in Providence, Rhode Island, between 1646-49, and died about 1714-15. Children all probably born in Providence: 1.John of whom further....John Ballou, son of Maturin and Hannah (Pike) Ballou, was born, it is conjectured, about 1650, in Providence, Rhode Island, and died probably in 1714... John Ballou married (first) Hannah Larkin, daughter of Edward Larkin. He was divorced from his first wife by authority of the Colonial General Assembly, May 2, 1676 and he married (second) January 4, 1678-79, Hannah Garrett (alias Jarrett), of Rhode Island. Children of the second marriage: 1. John, Jr., of whom further....John Ballou, Jr., son of John and Hannah (Garrett) Ballou, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, August

> 26, 1683, and died December 7, 1765....John Ballou, Jr., married, February 5, 1713-14, Samuel Wilkinson, justice of the peace, officiating, Naomi Inman, daughter of John and Mary (Whitman) Inman. Children:.... 2. Abraham, of whom further... Abraham Ballou, son of John Ballou, Jr., and Naomi (Inman) Ballou, was born in Louisquisset, Rhode Island (then Providence, later Smithfield, and now Lincoln, Rhode Island). Abraham Ballou married, about March 3, 1739, ... Mary Sayles who died at an advanced age... Children:...2. David, married Mary Smith.

One of the children of David Ballou was Thankful, who married into the Bentley line. The Ballou family is carefully documented and hold reunions on a recurring basis. If further information is known about the above family line please forward it to the address shown in the preface.

SUMMARY OF BALLOU AND BENTLEY

Maturin Ballou b.1610-20 d. 1661-2
m. Hannah Pike

John Ballou b.1650? d.1714?
m. Hannah Garrett

John Ballou Jr. 1683-1765
m. Naomi Inman

Abraham Ballou ??--??
m.Mary Sayles

William Bentley
m. Elizabeth Tillinghast

David Ballou
m. Mary Smith

Tillinghast Bentley 1735-1820
m. Sarah Thomas

John Bentley 1756-1830
m. Thankful Ballou 1767?-1830

Otis Bentley 1794-1894
m. Theodosia

Uretta Thankful Bentley 1817-1877
m. George C. Taylor 1817-1893

SUMMARY OF GEORGE C. TAYLOR

Born 30 January 1817, Island of St Bartholomew, West Indies

Married: 13 September 1837

to: Uretta T. Bentley

b. 12 Jan 1817 d. 8 March 1877

Children:

James	died young	
Otis B.	1840-1862	Civil War
John C.	1843-1909	Farmer
George W.	1850-1871	Jeweler

Married: (second) 16 Aug 1877
to: Minerva E. North

Died: 9 Dec 1893 on his farm in Pontiac Illinois

CHAPTER FOUR

JOHN C. TAYLOR 1843-1909

This chapter of the Taylor family history is devoted to John C. Taylor. The history of John C. was a puzzle to me, and one of my bigger challenges. I did not know when I started searching the family history that members of the family knew who John was. What is certain is that my grandfather Arthur G. Taylor did not want to talk much about his father. None of my aunts or uncles knew about him either. The reason I believe is that John C. Taylor joined the Dowie Church movement in Zion, and Arthur broke away from the church, thus alienating himself from his father. In an interview in 1967 Arthur said his Dad was in the dairy business, and at one time had a contract with the Illinois State Reformatory to deliver 100 pounds of milk a week from 30 cows.

The above interview was all I knew about John C. Taylor for several more years. I tracked him through Ohio and at one time thought he might have been in the Civil War. It was not until my visit to Pontiac that I began to know John C. as a person. Because the Taylor family reunion in July 1986 was to recognize all the decendents of John C. this chapter will be devoted to John, his family, his children, and their decendents. We will first look at John in the early years, explore the background genealogy of his two wives, then list the development of his family. Finally the children of John C. will be listed with pictures and stories where known of each family complete with a list of all known decendents. Every attempt has been made to account for all known decendents of John C.

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John C. Taylor was born October 5, 1843 in the area of Milton New York which is near the great Saratoga Springs. He first attended school in New York, then in 1858 when he was 15 years old, the Taylor family, George C. his wife Uretta, and their three sons, Otis, John and George W. moved to Pontiac Illinois. John C. completed his education in the common schools of Livingston county and helped his father, George C. with the farm. For a short period of time he taught school in the Livingston County school system.

At the age of 22, John married Cecelia Zeph. In Book D. page 17 of the Pontiac County Marriage records is found the license to marry dated 21 April 1866, and the record of marriage on 22 April 1966. (Note: The marriage record lists the name as "Cecilia", but all other records are spelled "Cecelia".

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Cecelia Zeph was born in Wurtemberg Germany exact date unknown but is believed to be 1843. Her father was Nicholas Zeph born in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany on 6 September 1807. His parents were John and Monita Zeph, also of German birth and parentage. Nicholas Zeph married on 31 Dec 1832 to Miss Franciska Zimmerer. There were twelve children of this marriage.. The Zeph family left Germany in 1848, landing in New York. They eventually arrived in Livingston county in 1858 and settled on section 18 in Owego Township. Nicholas Zeph died 22 September 1871.

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John C. Taylor and Cecelia had three children. Harriet Louise, born 15 February 1867; Zephyr born 31 August 1868; and William O., born 28 September 1870. After the birth of William, Eliza McManis at the age of 17 was hired to help with the children. Cecelia became quite ill, and died on 8 September 1872.

Ruth Morrison, daughter of Hattie (Harriett) recalled that her mother often told stories about the early days in Pontiac. During several exchanges of letters with Ruth I asked untold questions and in one letter Ruth replied: "I don't remember ever having known my grandfather, John C.... Mother said he had a wonderful singing voice - that he sang regularly with the choir in the Baptist Church. She used to say that 'he was the best man she ever knew.' Her mother died of a severe illness and her father used to have her (my mother) sit with her when he had to be away. She (Hattie) recalled on one occasion shortly before her mother's death, that she said, 'Oh Hattie - I hear such beautiful music and I see such beautiful things'." Cecelia was buried in the John C. Taylor family plot, Block 30 Lot #8 in the South Side Cemetery in Pontiac.

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In April, 1985 the author and his wife Donna made an exploratory trip to Pontiac Illinois. In the local newspaper office we were allowed to search through the microfilm and found the following:

Pontiac Sentinel
Thursday, Oct. 9, 1873

MARRIED At the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. W. B. Watson, John C. Taylor and Miss Eliza McManis, October 1st.

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We will now examine the genealogy of Eliza, however this short dissertation does not do justice to the McManis family which has a long and interesting history. One cold day in 1983 Donna and I took a trip to the Ohio State Library in Columbus Ohio. While there we found a book entitled "Historical Collections of Adams Co OH, Thompson 1982." In the book was an article written by Doris Lucille McManis Camden which detailed the results of her search for the McManis family. We wanted to shout out loud when we discovered the family history of Eliza McManis.

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Eliza Lavina McManis Taylor was born 2 February 1855 in Brown County, Ohio, the daughter of Ruth Mathias who was the third wife of Joseph McManis. He was born in 1796 in Pennsylvania, the son of Charles McManis and Eleanor Spears McManis. Joseph first married Jane Donaldson 30 March 1820 by which he had six sons and two daughters. He married second, Mary Bishop in 1840 having two sons and a daughter. He married third, Ruth Mathias in November 1847 and had nine children, of whom Eliza Lavina was the seventh. The last of Joseph's twenty children was born in Livingston County Illinois where it is believed Joseph and Ruth spent the remainder of their days.

Charles McManis, the father of Joseph, was born in York county, Pennsylvania about 1762. He served in the Revolutionary War, and received a pension under the act of Congress, 1832. I am indebted to Doris McManis Camden who sent me the following records which she obtained from the National Archives:

DECLARATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE BENEFIT OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS 7 JUNE 1832

State of Ohio
Brown County

On this 24th day of July 1832 personally appeared before the court of Common Pleas of the county of Brown and State of Ohio Charles McManis a resident of Jackson Township in the county of Brown and State of Ohio aged seventy years past who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated-- that in the month of September 1778 his father and family were driven by the Indians from their dwelling on the frontier settlement of the Western part of Pennsylvania and took shelter at a station called Ligonier Garrison in Westmoreland county Pennsylvania under the then command of Capt Samuel Shannon who the spring following left the Garrison which was afterwards commanded by Capt Robert Knox, Lieut. Edward McDaniels and Ensign James Clifford that he continued in said Garrison and performed his duty as a enlisted soldier for about twelve months although at the commencement of his service he was only in his sixteenth year- he drew his regular rations and monthly pay from Thomas Galbreath who was a commissionary-- He is unable to state whether Colonel Charles Campbell Col Gibson or Col Broadhead had the command of said station- but he thinks it was under the command of a Pennsylvania officer as it was in that line the service was performed-- He further states that in the summer of the year 1780 he enlisted at Ligonier garrison with Capt Thomas Campbell for the the term of nine months in the army of the United States and served in the ninth attached to the thirteenth regiment in the Virginia line on Continental establishment-- said regiment was commanded by Col John Gibson, Lieut Col Campbell Major and other officers not recollected. The officers in Capt Campbell's company were Lieut John Cummings Ensign George Cohun first Sergeant Morris Roach 2nd John Crow 3rd Abner Meek 4th not recollected. Shortly after his enlistment said company consisting of sixty four privates and their officers were marched to and stationed at Fort Craneford situated on the Allegheny river about eighteen miles above Pittsburgh where they

remained about five months when said company returned to Pittsburgh where they remained nearly all winter when they marched to Hannahstown Pennsylvania and about the first of April in the year 1781 he received a regular discharge from his captain which has been lost or mislaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed
this day and year aforesaid Charles && McManis
in open court. mark

James Finley clerk

NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE FILE CHARLES MCMANNIS S-2807 REV

Charles McManis Amendment to his Declaration for a Pension

State of Ohio
Brown County Personally came before the subscriber one of the associate judges of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Brown aforesaid- Charles McMannis who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following amendment to his declaration made in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 that under his first assignment under Capts Shannon and Knox he served twelve months,-said company was attached to Col Daniel Broadhead regiment in the Pennsylvania line- he cannot state under what division of the army Broadheads Regiment was attached to.

That under his second engagement in Capt Thos Campbells company in Col Gibsons Regiment he served as an enlisted private soldier for nine months. He is unable from laps of memory to state the names of any other officers under whom he served. Answer to 1st Interrogatory. He was born in York county Pennsylvania in the year 1762. Answer to 2nd. He has a record of his age which is in the possession of his son John in the state of Indiana.

Answer to the 7th. I am known to Samuel Cooper Esq Thomas Sergeant William White John Cox and Robert

Shaw who can testify at to my character for health and veracity.

Sworn to and subscribed before me Charles && McMannis
this 8th day of October AD 1833 mark

David Johnson
Associate Judge

For the record, after due process, the pension No. 22381 was granted, in the State of Ohio. "Charles McMannis of Brown Co in the State of Ohio who was a Private in the Co. commanded by Captain Shannon of the Ret commanded by Col Broadhead in the Penna line for 21 months. Pa and Va Line Records corrected. Inscribed on the Roll of Ohio January 28th at the rate of 70 Dollars 00 Cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1834. Certificate of Pension issued the 24th day of Oct 1833 and sent to Wm Sheppard. Georgetown b. Co Ohio. Arrears to the 4th of Sept 1833 175.00 Semi-anl. allowance ending 4 March 34. 35.00. Total $210.00."

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Charles McManis moved to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1817. He was a farmer in the Brown and Adams county area of Ohio. He died in Cherry Fork in 1840 and is buried in the Cherry Fork cemetery. All decendents of Eliza McManis Taylor and John C. Taylor can become members of the Daughters or Sons of the American Revolution.

Fort Ligonier is located about 20 miles east of Pittsburgh and is at the junction of Route 30 and 711. The Fort and area have been restored. It is hard to imagine today how difficult a time our ancestors had, fighting Indians, and the British in the wilderness of Pennsylvania.

The mother of Eliza McManis was Ruth Mathias who was the third wife of Joseph McManis. Ruth was the daughter of Joseph Mathias who emigrated into Boston in 1823. (Passengers who arrived in the United States, September 1821 to Dec 1823, from Transcripts made by the State Department. Baltimore Magna Carta Book Co. 1969). The will of Joseph Mathias is found in the Brown Co Ohio Book of Wills, Book 3 page 216:

Probate Court held at Georgetown before John W. King, Judge of the Probate Court within and for the County of Brown and State of Ohio on the 14th day of June AD 1856.

Be it remembered that on the 14th day of June AD 1856 the last will and testament of Joseph Mathias late of Scott Township Brown County Ohio, deceased was produced in open court and thereupon came into open court W. W. Ellsberry and Lewis Shick the subscribing witnesses to the same and testified under oath to the satisfaction of the Court to the execution of the said last will and testament whereupon the court ordered that the said will together with the proof be recorded. Said will is in the words following, "Know all men that I Joseph Mathias without fear or coercions of any one do make the following last will and testament. Viz. All my property real and personal I bequeath to my wife Susan Mathias to have and to hold during her natural life or widowhood, together with all the profits and appurtenances thereto, and then to revert to my minor heir or heirs if living.. excepting the following bequests to my four sons James, William, Thomas and Jacob and two daughters Jane and Ruth, each one dollar to be paid out of the first money which comes into the hands of my executor after the debts and funeral expenses are paid. Also to George Fiscus five dollars to be paid as the bequest above. I appoint Joseph D. Sells my executor. In testimony whereunto set my hand and seal this April 1856.

Joseph X Mathias
mark

One might wonder what Ruth did with her dollar? Ruth was still living in the Livingston County Illinois area in 1880 as we shall see later.

John C. Taylor and Eliza Lavina McManis Taylor lived and worked on the Taylor farm in Pontiac. George C. had built a large 22 room farm home, and John C. and his family shared the home with his father George C. and his family. George E. Taylor was born on 17 February 1875, then On 14 September 1876 Charles Taylor was born. On 16 July 1878 at the age of one and one-half Charles Taylor fell into a cistern and drowned. Eliza was eight months pregnant at the time, and the death of young Charles must have been hard for her. Charles was buried in the Taylor family plot on the South Side Cemetery in Pontiac. John A. Taylor was then born on 7 August 1878.

The first time that I did a census search was on a family trip to Washington DC in 1980. We were at the National Archives and we became very excited to find the family of John C. and George C. Taylor on the microfilm. It was quite a thrill to realize that hidden in all that room full of microfilm was so much information about the Taylor family. The 1880 Census was effective for all births prior to 1 June 1880, therefore it did not record the birth of my grandfather, Arthur Garfield Taylor who was born 4 June, 1880.

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US Census Livingston County, Pontiac Township 1880
Dwelling 158
Family 157

Taylor	John	37	farmer	born in NY
	Eliza	25		
	Harriett	12		
	Zephyr	11		
	William	9		
	George	5		
	Jonnie	3		
King Wilson		20	hired hand	
Anderson, Carrie		24	house keeper	

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There is an interesting story associated with the marriage record of John C. to Eliza. We do not know what prompted John to take the following action, but he did, and it is recorded in the Marriage book E on page 426 and 1/2. A two page hand written certificate is glued into the book, and as far as I was able to determine, it is the only such record.

State of Illinois
Livingston County

John C. Taylor, being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that in the latter part of September 1873 he procured of Byron Phelps County Clerk of said County, a license to marry Eliza McManis, -- That afterward, to wit: on the 1st day of October 1873, he was married to said Eliza McManis by Rev Watson at that time pastor of the Baptist Church at Pontiac in said County, -that said Watson was soon thereafter taken sick and died, without returning said license, and that in consequence

there is no record of said license or marriage and that he makes this affidavit for the purpose of making a record of said marriage

signed: John C. Taylor

On the second page is found:

State of Illinois
Livingston County

Eliza Taylor, and Ruth McManis being duly sworn testify that they have read the written affidavit of the within named John C. Taylor, and that they know it to be True.

signed: Mrs Eliza Taylor
Ruth McManis

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On 17 June 1883 Alice was born, followed by Harrison (Harry) born 27 Nov 1888. It was becoming quite crowded in the twenty two room farm house during this period as George C. and his second wife Minerva was living there with John C., Eliza and John's eight children.

For a quick overview of John C. Taylor in this period of 1890 to 1901 we turn to the Livingston County Biographical Record p. 154 which gives the following:

> Politically Mr. Taylor was originally a Republican and supported the men and measures of that party for many years. Of late he has given his support to the Prohibition party. He never sought or desired public office and declined several that were offered him; however, he served for a time as a member of the school board and as president of his school district. Reared a Baptist, he has since undergone a change of faith and is now a member of the Christian Catholic church in Zion, of which body his wife is also a member. As a citizen he has always enjoyed the respect and confidence of those by whom he is surrounded and by those who know him best.

Of the children of John C. we continue to read in the Biographical Record:

> Hattie, now the wife of Grant McCormack, of Livingston county; Zephyr, wife of Lincoln Tuttle, of Graymont, Illinois; William, who married Daisy Pearre, and now resides in Arkansas where he is engaged in farming;... George, who is assisting in the cultivation of the home farm; John, a teacher in St. Alban Academy, Knoxville, Illinois; Arthur G., a student in the Pontiac high school; and Harry, in the home school.

Eliza L. McManis Taylor John C. Taylor

In February 1964 Edna Taylor, wife of Harry compiled a short history of the Taylor family. Rev Charles Taylor sent a copy of that history to the author in late March 1986 and excerpts are reproduced below:

"The Taylor Homestead lay on the rural edge of Pontiac, Illinois, Livingston County. It came into the hands of the Taylors during the administration of Pres. Franklin Pierce, 14 th President 1852.

The home was one of those rambling types, partly one story and partly one and a half, built to accomodate two families. On one side lived your Great Great-Grandfather and on the other, Great grandfather and his family, the John C. Taylors whom this record concerns.

The Taylor Homestead

To his first marriage was born, William who was well past 90 when he passed away in Detroit some time ago. There were two girls, Harriet, still living in the East, was 97 years this month, Zephyr Tuttle still living at Zion Illinois will be 95 in August. Their mother died when they were small children and were cared for by a Eliza L. McManis who was the housekeeper. She was born in Adams Co. Ohio and married John C. in 1875.

John C. and Eliza L. were members and officers in the Baptist Church in Pontiac. They were faithful members and tithers. I remember Great Grandmother saying Grandpa tithed every egg, every chicken, all produce etc that the farm yielded. He furnished butter for the Illinois State Reformatory and various other places. Their fruit trees bore abundantly, and God blessed them in basket and in store. They heard of Zion and were greatly moved by Dr. Dowie's ministry.

Arthur and Alice were sent to Chicago to attend the Zion College, and when the City of Zion was opened Grandfather sold the farm place for $40,000 and invested it in Zion, buying several Blvd lots and building a lovely 2 1/2 story home at 3019 Enoch and

moved to Zion in Feb of 1903. The home burned to the ground in Feb of 1920. To each of the children he gave a thousand dollars when they were married. The last time Harry saw his father he signed over a lot to him as the crash and reciever-ship had taken his investments and bank account. That was in the fall of 1909.

Dear old John C. went with a single stroke. It was a dreadful shock to Grandma. Her life thereafter was devoted to nursing and she became a maternity nurse and spent much time calling on the sick and praying for them. She was 87 years of age when she passed away. Records and pictures were lost in the fire"

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In a letter from the Christian Catholic Church of Zion Illinois to Mrs Walter McManis dated June 3 1965 is the following: "In checking our records, we have found the application for fellowship of Mrs. Eliza Lavina Taylor, whom we presume is the Liza Taylor to whom you refer in your letter. According to our records, Mrs. Taylor was born in Adams County, Ohio, February 2, 1855. She lived here in the City of Zion from the early 1900's until the time of her death 8 March, 1942 at the age of 87 years, 1 month, and 6 days. From further information in the records, we learn that she became a Christian at the age of 14 in Rooks Creek, Illinois, and originally entered the fellowship of the Christian Catholic Church in Chicago in 1900..."

The Taylor's stayed on the farm in Pontiac for about one more year, when tragedy struck again. George E. Taylor age 26, a student, contracted typhoid fever, and after 22 days died at the farm home on 13 August 1901. The death certificate is signed by John C. Taylor.

The Taylor family soon moved to Zion. John C. Taylor lived in Zion for six years then died of Paralysis at his home on 3019 Enoch Ave, Zion City, Illinois on 18 November 1909. He is buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery near Zion. John C. was survived by his wife Eliza, and his children, Harriett, Zephyr, Will, John, Arthur, Alice, and Harrison.

The remainder of this chapter will be devoted to listing the decendents of John C. Taylor. Roman numerals will be used to designate the degree of decent, that is Roman numeral "I" will indicate child of John C. Roman numeral "II" will indicate grandchild, and so forth. The data is as current as was available from the many letters received from all around the world prior to March 1986. If any decendents are missed, I would appreciate hearing from you at the address indicated in the Preface.

KNOWN DECENDENTS OF JOHN C. TAYLOR

I	9	Children
II	33	Grand Children
III	59	Great Grand Children
IV	108	Great Great Grand Children
V	40	Great Great Great Grand Children
Total	249	Known Decendents in March 1986

Harriet Louise Taylor McCormack 1867-1971

I **Harriet Louise Taylor McCormack**
15 Feb 1867-1 Jan 1971

Harriet Louise Taylor was named after her grandmother Harriett Louise Dupersoy. She was married in 1886 in Pontiac Illinois, and worked the farm with her husband Grant. They built a farm home which stands in Pontiac today. She became a Christian Scientist and lived to be 104 years old.

m. Grant McCormack

II Ross McCormack 1887-1941

II Bernice McCormack 1892-
m. Ralph Wagner
III Robert E. Wagner 24 Jan 1924-
m. Bonnie Gerrish
IV Terrie Teresa Louise Wagner
8 Jun 1952
m. Timothy Ray Coerver
V Christopher Ryan Coerver
3 Feb 1977
V Jennifer Louise Coerver
14 Mar 1977
IV Kurt Wagner 6 Oct 1956
m. Kathy Bekebrede
IV Kent Wagner 1 May 1963

II Bruce McCormack 30 Apr 1899-3 Apr 1974
m. Clara Tanner
III Jean McCormack Thompson
m. Richard Thompson
IV Clinton Bruce Thompson 28 Mar 1961-
IV Janis Kay Thompson 12 Aug 1966
III Grant McCormack 2 May 1936-
m. Linda Robertson

II Proctor McCormack 1902-?
Decendents unknown

James and Ruth Morrison

II Ruth McCormack Morrison 14 May 1904-
m. James A. Morrison
III Ruth Ann Morrison 28 Feb 1936-
m. Tyler F. Hartsing
IV Terri Ann Hartsing 17 Aug 1957-
m. Glen Wilford Davis
V Jeremy John Davis 16 Jul 1983-
V Karen Eleanor Davis 31 Aug 1985-
IV James Tyler Hartsing 16 May 1964-

III James A. Morrison Jr 27 May 1930-
m. LaVerne C. Potts
IV Jane Ann Morrison 16 Dec 1949
III Elizabeth Louise Morrison 18 Aug 1934
m. John Michael Bunting
IV Heather Elizabeth Bunting
29 Aug 1962-
IV Hilary Thatcher Bunting 5 Mar 1966-

II Grant McCormack 1906-1932

II David McCormack 15 Mar 1908-22 Jul 1985
m. Cecilia Welsh
III Teresa McCormack 25 Aug 1933-23 May 1941

I **Zephyr Taylor Tuttle** 31 Aug 1868-7 Dec 1965
Zephyr was the second daughter born to John C. by his first wife Cecelia Zeph. In a 27 Dec 1960 letter Zephyr writes, "I am passed 92 and in fair health considering age. I have 13 great grand children 7 girls and 6 boys all a fine bunch, 2 in California that I have not seen and one in Maryland that I have not met but the pictures of all are OK.
m. Lincoln Tuttle

II Celia Tuttle Morten
Decendents unknown

II Daisy Tuttle Dody
Decendents unknown

II Bernice Tuttle Paulson
Decendents unknown

William O. Taylor

I **William O. Taylor** 28 Sep 1870-1953?
William O. Taylor, born in Pontiac married Daisy B. Pearre, decendent of David Alden of Massachusetts. Will and Daisy moved to DeQueen Arkansas to be near Luke Pearre, Daisy's brother who was editor of the "De Queen Bee". Will was a gifted mathematician and chess player. Four children were born in DeQueen, then the family moved to northern Michigan, then later to Detroit. Will worked as a guard at Ford Motor until he was 81.
m. Daisy Belle Pearre

II Luke Otho Taylor 29 Aug 1898-17 Sep 1981
m. Minnie Louise Reiman
m. Edith M. Murphy
III Thelma Nancy Taylor 5 Jan 1930-
m. Lem Costa
m. Walter James Schumacher
IV Theodore Costa 21 May 1957-
m. Mona Theresa Ching
IV Joseph Costa 26 Mar 1959-
IV Lauren Joan Schumacher
21 Jun 1965-

II Pearl A Taylor 1900-1970

II Louise A. Taylor Lippert Rey 1905-15 Dec 1985

II Edna P. Taylor Arnoldy (Twin) 1905-6 Dec 1981

I **George E. Taylor** 17 Feb 1875-13 Aug 1901

I **Charles Taylor** 14 Sep 1876-16 Jul 1878

John A. Taylor Family
Margaret,John A.,Josephine,Oscar,Grace,John M.

I **John A. Taylor** 7 Aug 1878-8 Jan 1937
m. Margaret Della Tice

II Josephine Urania Taylor 5 May 1908-
m. Rodney M. Raymond

III Joanne Irene Raymond
21 Jul 1940-21 Jul 1940

III Joan Eilene Raymond 21 Jul 1940-
m. LeRoy McCormack
m. Albert Clark

IV Michael Lance McCormack 9 Apr 1957-

IV Matthew Lee McCormack 13 Nov 1958-
m. Sandy

V Keith McCormack

IV Lezlie Michele McCormack
19 Jun 1962-
m. James Buh
V Mitchell Lang McCormack
9 May 1980-
V Justin James Buh 30 Oct 1981
V Jerusha Buh 22 Jun 1984

II Grace Elizabeth Taylor
1 May 1911-13 Sep 1956
m. John Harold Mapes
III Dolores Jean Mapes 21 May 1936-
m. Paul Stroik
IV Paul Charles Stroik 28 Apr 1959-
IV Michael John Stroik 9 Jun 1960
IV David Stroik 31 Aug 1961-
IV Ann Marie Stroik 22 Jan 1963
m. Ricky Neill Beasley
V Jennifer Marie Beasley
11 Dec 1982-
III Donald Richard Mapes 30 Oct 1941-
m. Joan Kathryn Gohn
IV Donald Richard Mapes Jr 1971-1971
IV Ronald Edward Mapes 1971-1971
IV Robert John Mapes 3 Feb 1973-
IV Melissa Marie Mapes 18 Mar 1976-
III Lester William Mapes 19 Jul 1945-
m. Carol Colbert
m. Brenda Moore Royce
IV Teresa Marie Mapes 4 Oct 1971-
IV Randell Kristopher Mapes 9 Apr 1974-
IV Anthony William Mapes 5 Aug 1979-
III Karolyn Louise Mapes 31 Jul 1946-
m. Ronald LeRoy Danielson
IV Lisa Lynn Danielson 21 Feb 1969-
IV Deborah Lorraine Danielson
7 Mar 1962-
III Wayne LeRoy Mapes 1 Dec 1950-
m. Patricia Diane Pillman
m. Cindy
IV Jerry Wayne Mapes 13 Nov 1969-
IV Laura Lyn Mapes 7 Dec 1970-
IV Patrick Douglas Mapes 21 Jul 1973-

II Oscar Eugene Taylor 19 Sep 1912-
m. Iva Higgins
m. Delores Walter
III Joyce Marie Taylor 18 Oct 1939-
m. Robert O'Kane
IV Karen Marie O'Kane 23 Jan 1966-
IV James Robert O'Kane 13 Nov 1968-
III Jeffrey Charles Taylor 17 Mar 1951-

II John Milton Taylor 1 Apr 1914-
m. Geraldine Leech
III Judy Kay Taylor 27 Oct 1940-
m. John T. Rich
IV Andria Lynn Rich 24 Jul 1959-
IV John Michael Rich 23 May 1963-
m. Dawn Blanchard
V Jessica Cerese Rich
2 Mar 1983-
IV Timothy Scott Rich 18 Apr 1968-
III John Milton Taylor Jr. 27 Nov 1943-
III Nancy Lee Taylor 30 May 1947-
m. Donald W. Meissner
IV Natalie Ann Meissner 5 Jul 1971-
IV Nicole Marie Meissner 14 Nov 1977-
III Ann Marie Taylor 17 Aug 1950-
m. Douglas A. Edwards

Arthur Garfield Taylor Family
Dorothy, Arthur, Ruth, Helen, Vera Clark, Arthur

I **Arthur Garfield Taylor** 4 Jun 1880-8 Nov 1967
Arthur was born on the farm in Pontiac and attended the first graduating class of the new Pontiac High School in 1898. He was sent to Zion City to attend Zion College where he studied Greek. Arthur wrote a book, "The Self Quiz Manual" and became a successful salesman.
m. Vera Ruth Mudge

II Clark Gibson Taylor 20 Aug 1908-
m. Myrtle B Brittain

III Clark E. Taylor 5 Feb 1934-
m. Katherine Orr

IV Jeffrey C. Taylor 4 Oct 1960-
Heidi Kay Taylor* 5 Jan 1962-
Ellen Denise Taylor* 22 Feb 1967-

III David B. Taylor 3 Feb 1937-
m. Donna L. Knoche

IV David B. Taylor Jr 28 Jun 1960-

IV Deborah L. Taylor 15 Jul 1962-
m. Ronald Steven Ball

V Janilee Constance Ball
3 Jun 1983-

V Joshua Russell Ball 8 Jul 1985-

IV Donald B. Taylor 7 Sep 1968-

III Amy Kathleen Taylor 18 Oct 1941-
m. William Smith
m. Barney Chin-Song
m. Hartley Pfeil

IV Mark Benjamin Chin-Shong
29 Jan 1971-

IV Naomi Grace Chin-Shong
12 Jul 1973-

II Helen Vera Taylor 29 Jul 1910-
m. Charles W. Wilson

III Carolyn Mae Wilson 7 Apr 1932-
m. Henry Kijowski
m. Kelly Douglas
m. John E. Neff

IV Drake Rodger Kijowski 11 Nov 1954-
m. Carol Meyer

V Daughter

IV Brian Alexander Kijowski
16 Aug 1957-

III Patricia Helen Wilson 26 Aug 1935-
m. Ray Salzman
IV Laura Rae Salzman 6 Nov 1954-
m. David Henry Heiby
IV Steven Mark Salzman 19 Aug 1956-
m. Cynthia Kay Davis
V Steven Solomon Salzman
2 Nov 1981-
V Sarah Sunshine Salzman
4 Sep 1983-
V Augusta Ruth Salzman
30 Sep 1984-
IV Christine Ann Salzman 8 Feb 1958-
m. Daniel T. Van Vliet
V Nathan Daniel Van Vliet
23 May 1984-
V Brian Thomas Van Vliet
9 Jan 1986
IV David Ray Salzman 16 May 1959-
m. Catherine Susan Sievers
V Michael David Salzman
13 Sep 1982-
V Alisha Marie Salzman
5 Jun 1984-
IV Donna Jean Salzman 6 Nov 1961-

II Dorothy Marian Taylor 11 Sep 1912-
m. Walter H. Clausen
III Marilyn Ruth Clausen 5 Jan 1941-
m. Donald Lovse
IV Cynthia Kay Lovse 24 Nov 1967-
IV Rebecca Jean Lovse 13 Apr 1968-
III Kenneth Arthur Clausen 7 Oct 1943-
m. Linda Bussey
IV Edward Arthur Clausen 18 Apr 1968-
IV Catherine Jean Clausen 17 Mar 1970-
III Carl Walter Clausen 2 Oct 1945-
m. Ruth Ann Hildreth
IV John Carl Clausen 16 Nov 1972-
IV Heidi Lynn Clausen 30 Jun 1974-

II Arthur Merle Taylor 19 Apr 1916-
m. Betty Jean Magenheimer
III Daniel Paul Taylor 20 Aug 1952-
III Elizabeth Anne Taylor 6 Nov 1954-
m. Stephen James Seabolt
IV Garrott Taylor Seabolt 26 Dec 1984-

II Ruth Taylor 23 Sep 1917-
m. Wesley Gustave Miller
III Donald Wesley Miller 10 Nov 1942-
m. Sharron Payton
IV Penelope Pearl Miller 5 Mar 1970-
III Margaret Elaine Miller 5 Feb 1945-
m. James J. Kane

II Gloria Vaneva Taylor 4 Jul 1922-
m. Francis George Guither
m. Vern Dennis Davis
III Vaneva Sue Guither 25 Aug 1947-
m. David Milton Christensen
IV Heather Sue Christensen 20 Jan 1977-
IV Heidi Sue Christensen 7 Jul 1978-
III Geoffrey Paul Guither 6 Jan 1950-
m. Deborah Doris Herrmann
IV Joshua Paul Guither 13 Aug 1980-
IV Blake Daniel Guither 8 Dec 1982-
IV Kyle David Guither 8 June 1984-
IV Kelly Ruth Guither 25 Mar 1986-

Alice Uretta Taylor

I Alice Uretta Taylor 17 Jun 1883-28 April 1952

Alice Taylor was born on the farm in Pontiac and attended the Pontiac High School. She was sent by her parents to Zion along with Arthur G. and attended Zion College. Alice married Henry West in 1904 and moved to Colorado after Ethel was born. The family lived in Portland until the death of Henry in 1915 when all moved back to Zion.

m. Henry Bolton West

II Ruth Irene West
9 Dec 1904-

II Julia Ethel West
9 Sep 1906-

m. Gordon Reed Thomson

m. Roland Smith

Picture: Alice Taylor West and daughters Ruth 13, Ethel 11, Alice 7, Margaret 3

III Gordon Wilbur Thomson 31 May 1926-
m. Patrica Runda
IV Craig Gordon Thomson 18 Jul 1952-
m. Angela Africano
V Matthew Thomson 30 Nov 1978-
V Jeremy Thomson 4 Jul 1980-
V Melissa Thomson 3 Dec 1983-
IV Pamela Sue Thomson 4 Oct 1954-
m. Thomas R. Brackbill
V Karen Brackbill 29 Nov 1980-
V David T. Brackbill 18 May 1985-
IV Elizabeth Ann Thomson 27 May 1959-

III Jack Richard Thomson
20 Aug 1927-18 Feb 1982
m. Peggy Ann Pierce Thomson
IV Kirk Richard Thomson 17 Feb 1955-
m. Kimberly Thomson
V Ashley Marie Thomson
20 Mar 1984-

IV Karen Thomson 23 Sep 1961
m. LaVon Mills
V Christy Malone Mills
22 Oct 1984-
IV Kathryn Thomson 22 dec 1964-
m. Gregory Cone
V Candice Marie Cone 18 Jul 1983-

II Alice Georgia West 16 Oct 1910-
m. Clarence Robert Whiteside
m. Arnold F. Werhane
III Robert William Whiteside 28 Mar 1931-
m. Ursula Theil
IV Gregory Robert Whiteside 3 Mar 1955-
IV David William Whiteside 21 Dec 1957-
IV Steven Carl Whiteside 19 Feb 1961
III Charles Eugene Whiteside 11 May 1933-
m. Delores Bardon
IV Deborah Lynn Whiteside 1 Apr 1954-
m. Mr Dulaney
m. Mr Gauthier
m. Kenneth Gorenson
V Tim Dulaney
V Brandon Gauthier
V Eric Gorenson
IV Mark Douglas Whiteside 19 Jan 1956-
m. Carol Thompson
V Robert Whiteside
V Elizabeth Whiteside
IV Warren Scott Whiteside 24 May 1958-
IV Lisa Kaye Whiteside 30 Dec 1960-
m. Terry Petrasky
V Tabetha Wallin Petrasky
III Patricia Ann Whiteside 27 Nov 1935-
m. Robert A. Metten
IV Shara Deanne Metten 26 Feb 1962-
m. Anthony Duty
V Anthony Robert Duty 28 Feb 1985-
IV Chantal Denise Metten 13 Oct 1964-
III Linda Lee Whiteside 26 Jun 1948-
m. Ross MacDonald
IV Heather Lee Grace MacDonald
1 Sep 1970-
IV Genevieve Abegale Beth MacDonald
12 Mar 1972
IV Paul Robert LeRoy MacDonald
8 Jul 1979-

II Margaret Elizabeth West 28 May 1914-
m. Robert Green
III Thomas Glen Green 8 Aug 1936-
m. Frances Hamilton
IV Elizabeth Green 22 Jan 1956-
m. H. James Sweet
V Dale Sweet 30 Jul 1974-
V Christine Sweet 15 Aug 1981-
V Melissa Sweet 27 Jan 1983-
V Thomas Sweet 15 Jun 1984-
IV Diane Green 23 Mar 1957
m. Greg McElroy
III Sally Ruth Green 6 Mar 1942-
m. Robert Cleveland
IV Debra Cleveland 7 May 1965-
IV Laura Cleveland 23 Mar 1967-
III George Robert Green 1 Mar 1944-
m. Charlene Skaggs
m. Kathleen Hughes
IV Terri (Skaggs) Jul 1963-
IV Sheila (Skaggs) Aug 1964-
IV Erin Green Aug 1967-

Harrison (Harry) and Edna Taylor Family
Connie,Edna,Royal,Harrison,Charles,Harry,Alice

I **Harrison C. Taylor** 27 Nov 1888-18 Feb 1962
Harry Taylor was born on the farm in Pontiac. In Zion, Harry was a salesman in office supplies and stationary in the Zion Department Store. In 1925 Harry and Edna moved to Valpariso Indiana.
m. Edna Levina Brewster

II Harrison Taylor Farley*
17 Nov 1912-5 Jan 1984
m. Ester Elizabeth Harwood
m. Julia Ellen Erdel

III Carlton William Farley 2 Jul 1934-
m. Barbara Moyle
m. Mary Self
m. Willa Zae
m. Colette Duggan

IV Deborah Lynn Farley 17 Jun 1958-
m. Michael Badger

V Keith Samuel Badger
19 Oct 1983-

IV John Leslie Farley 19 Jan 1962-
IV Mark Harrison Farley 19 Apr 1964-
IV Rebecca Suzanne Farley 19 Dec 1966-
m. JayCee D. Hunter

III Wanda Jean Farley 13 May 1936-
m. Mallory McSwain

IV Jeffory Yates McSwain 26 May 1962-
IV Mellisa Elizabeth McSwain
17 Dec 1964-

III Anne Elizabeth Farley 30 Mar 1943-
m. Charles Bowles

IV Charles Farley Bowles 22 Aug 1961-
m. Catheryn Sue Wallun

IV Laura Elizabeth Bowles 30 Aug 1963-
IV Troy William Bowles 30 Jan 1969-

II Charles Taylor 12 Feb 1915-
m. Virginia
m. Evelyn Mae

II Edna Cornelia Taylor 5 Feb 1922-
m. Lindsey L. Parker
m. Harold W. Johnson
m. James A. Lee Jr

III Harold Edward Parker 12 Oct 1947-
m. Joyce Hara

III Gregory G. Johnson 13 Apr 1951-
m. Robin Joy Weitzman

II Royal Alan Taylor 9 Mar 1925-
m. Joan Marie Quick
III David Allan Taylor 11 May 1956-
m. Donna Livingston
IV Julie Dawn Taylor 23 Jul 1980-
IV Justin David Taylor 23 May 1984-
III Dale Harrison Taylor 21 Oct 1957-
m. Lori Crabb
IV Benjamin Andrew Taylor 12 Jul 1981-
IV Crystal Lorraine Taylor 17 Jan 1983-
IV John David Taylor 14 Sep 1984-
III Doris Angela Taylor 1 Oct 1963-
m. Jeffrey Harrison
III Carol Irene Taylor 5 Jan 1968-
II Alice Ilene Taylor 20 Jul 1929-
m. Albert Jack Millstine
m. Irving Merle Shields
m. Edward S. Noi Sackett
m. Patrick J. Brady
m. John Manuel Gayton
III Billy Lee Millstine 10 Feb 1947-
m. Mrs Millstine
m. Maureen Ann Millstine
IV Deborah Marie Millstine 2 Jun 1969-
IV Meghan Lee Millstine 22 Jun 1979
IV Elizabeth Siobhan Millstine
1 Nov 1983-
III Valorie Jane Shields 24 Jun 1958-
m. Jeff Wilson
III Charles Whittier Shields 1 Dec 1959-
III Jennifer Lynn Shields 6 Dec 1961-
III Gilbert Leon Sackett 1 Nov 1966
III Alice Rosemary Brady 23 Nov 1971

COMMSOFT ROOTS/M V1.04.01 PEDIGREE CHART Chart 1
15 Apr 1986

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. on chart no.

1 John C. Taylor
BORN 5 Sep 1843
WHERE New York
DIED 18 Nov 1909
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 George C. Taylor
BORN 30 Jan 1817
WHERE West Indies
DIED 9 Dec 1893
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 13 Sep 1837

3 Uretta T. Bentley Taylor
BORN 12 Jan 1817
WHERE New York
DIED 8 Mar 1877
WHERE Illinois

4 George W. Taylor
BORN 10 Jul 1796
WHERE Mass
DIED 1881 (?)
WHERE
MARRIED

5 Harriet Louise Dupersoy
BORN 1790 (?)
WHERE West Indies
DIED 15 Mar 1837
WHERE New York

6 Otis Bentley
BORN 28 Oct 1794
WHERE New York
DIED 8 Apr 1894
WHERE New York
MARRIED

7 Theodosia Bentley
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

8 John Taylor
BORN (?)
WHERE Scotland
DIED May 1806 (?)
WHERE at sea
MARRIED 1786 (?)

9 Hannah Taylor Coombs
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

10 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

11 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

12 John Bentley
BORN 3 Dec 1756
WHERE Rhode Island
DIED 20 Jul 1830
WHERE New York
MARRIED 1794 (?)

13 Thankful Ballou Bentley
BORN 1767 (?)
WHERE
DIED 12 Nov 1830
WHERE New York

14 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

15 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

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Tillinghast Bentley
Sarah Thomas Bentley
David Ballou
Mary Smith Ballou

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. 24 on chart no. 1

1 BORN 2 Jun 1735
WHERE Rhode Island
DIED 3 Aug 1820
WHERE New York
MARRIED 29 May 1755

Tillinghast Bentley

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE
MARRIED

William Bentley

3 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

Elizabeth Tillinghast

4 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

5 BORN
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DIED
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6 BORN
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MARRIED

7 BORN
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Sarah Thomas Bentley

8 BORN
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15 Apr 1986

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. 26 on chart no. 1

David Ballou
1 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE
MARRIED 18 Nov 1764

Mary Smith Ballou
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Abraham Ballou
2 BORN (?)
WHERE Rhode Island
DIED (?)
WHERE
MARRIED 3 Mar 1739 (?)

Mary Sayles
3 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

John Ballou Jr
4 BORN 26 Aug 1683
WHERE Rhode Island
DIED 7 Dec 1765
WHERE
MARRIED 5 Feb 1713

Naomi Inman Ballou
5 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

6 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

7 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

John Ballou
8 BORN 1650 (?)
WHERE Rhode Island
DIED 1714 (?)
WHERE
MARRIED 4 Jan 1678

Hannah Garrett
9 BORN (?)
WHERE Rhode Island
DIED (?)
WHERE

John Inman
10 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE
MARRIED

Mary Whitman Inman
11 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

12 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

13 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

14 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

15 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

16 CONTINUED ON CHART 6

Hannah Pike Ballou
17 CONTINUED ON CHART 7

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31 CONTINUED ON CHART

COMMSOFT ROOTS/M V1.04.01 PEDIGREE CHART Chart 1
15 Apr 1986

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. on chart no.

1 BORN 2 Feb 1855
WHERE Ohio
DIED 8 Mar 1942
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED

Eliza Lavina McManis Taylor

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 BORN 1796 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED Nov 1872 (?)
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED Nov 1847

Joseph McManis

3 BORN 1825 (?)
WHERE Ohio
DIED (?)
WHERE unknown

Ruth Mathias McManis

4 BORN 1762 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED 1840 (?)
WHERE Ohio
MARRIED 1795 (?)

Charles McManis

5 BORN 1769 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED 1830 (?)
WHERE Ohio

Eleanor Spears McManis

6 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED May 1856
WHERE Ohio
MARRIED

Joseph Mathias

7 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

Susan Mathias

8 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

9 BORN
WHERE
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CHAPTER FIVE

ARTHUR GARFIELD TAYLOR 1880-1967

Arthur Garfield Taylor was born on the Taylor family farm in Pontiac Illinois, Livingston County on 4 June 1880. According to Arthur, he was named by his father and grandfather after three of the presidents of the United States. At the time of his birth, the Taylor family living in the 22 room farm home consisted of grandfather George C. Taylor and wife Minerva, father John C. Taylor and wife Eliza, half-sisters Harriet Louise and Zephyr, half-brother William, and brothers George and John.

In the book, A Livingston County Scrapbook, (Lucile Goodrich, 1979,Donnells, Pontiac) is described the early schools of Livingston County. The following is an excerpt:

> To these schools, grandpa and grandma and the teachers walked miles, sometimes in snow twelve inches deep with temperatures below zero. Some more fortunate students and teachers rode a horse. Upon arrival at the school, the horse was tied to a tree or sometimes put in a shed and covered with a horse blanket. There was no such thing as a Snow Day, that is school called off because of inclement weather. The water pump might freeze and a path might have to be dug to each of the two little outhouses out back but school continued. The fireplaces and the wood burning stoves of the early buildings were followed by the room heater which burned coal. Both kept some of the students warm but those nearest the stove burned on one side and those farthest away from the stove almost froze. Near the stove or heater was a large captain's chair reserved for visitors such as the county superintendent of schools or a member of the board of directors. Wraps and lunch pails were stored in an anteroom.

It is not known when the Taylor home school was started. Like many schools in Livingston County, it was a one room school, located very near the Taylor and later McCormack farms. Arthur may have attended this school, but we know for sure that the children of

Harriet Taylor McCormack attended the school. All that is left today is a group of trees at the site of the former school.

When Arthur was six years old, his older half-sister Harriet was married. the following article is from the local newspaper:

Pontiac Sentinel
Friday December 3, 1886

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, 1886 at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Mr Grant McCormack and Miss Hattie Taylor were united in marriage by Rev. J. W. Tanner.

In 1967, Arthur recalled in an interview that the friends and neighbors held a shivaree on the farm for the new couple. According to Arthur, there was so much noise that his grandpa got a buggy whip and broke it on somebody's head, and they got mad and burned down a barn or shed. I wrote to Ruth Morrison the daughter of Harriet and asked her about the incident. This is her reply:

> "I had never heard of the "shivaree" following my parents wedding. I am inclined to think it is a story that was added on to through the years! It was a small wedding with only family members present. I had always heard that George C. was a dignified proper gentleman. It is hard to picture him taking a buggy whip to anyone, even if provoked. Nor can I imagine any of the neighbors burning down his barn! The word 'shivaree' brought back a childhood memory. My mother was a fanatic on words. She could spell anything and pronounce it correctly. When I was a little girl I took piano lessons. She drove me to the music studio every week and while I was having my lesson she went to the library with a list of words to look up. We had dictionaries, but she wanted to use the large library edition. She loved to ask people if they could spell "shivaree". I don't think anyone ever did, so then she told them it was "chi-riv-a-ri."

We will probably never know if there was a shivaree or not but two members of the family certainly

remembered the word.

When Arthur was a young boy, Grandma McManis gave him 25 cents and he bought a pocket book, but then he had no money to put in it. Arthur claimed his mother Eliza was quite intuitive. One time Arthur took a wagon to an apple orchard where he killed a chicken and ate raw green apples and got quite sick. His mother, knowing something was wrong went out looking for him. In Pittsburgh when Arthur was first married and had a baby (Clark) in the apartment, he ran out of money and the gas heat was going to be turned off. Eliza sent a check for $100 just then, in case "he might need it". One time Arthur and his brother George had a terrible fight, and Eliza came by in time to stop it.

Arthur was quite proud to note that in Pontiac, there was a brand new high school, and at one time 4 brothers and one sister were going there together.

Arthur attended the new public high school in Pontiac. The building was constructed using bond money raised in an election in 1893. The new school opened in the fall of 1894 with a faculty of four teachers and an enrollment of 231 students. At age 14 Arthur began his high school training in the new Pontiac Township High School.

Pontiac Township High School

Arthur Garfield Taylor Graduation Class of 1898
Shown kneeling front row 2nd from left

After graduation from the Pontiac High School, Arthur attended Zion College in Chicago where he studied classical humanities, Greek and business. Arthur was one of three students in his graduation class from Zion College. He began post graduate work at the University of Chicago where he taught Greek and was beginning to build a Greek lexigon. In his Greek class was Vera Ruth Mudge, one of his students. Arthur also attended the Sheldon School for salesmanship. This school later became the LaSalle Extension Course University in Chicago.

On one of his business trips to Cleveland, Arthur wrote a long letter to his intended, Vera Ruth. The letter is eloquent and personal, filled with events of the day. The author has taken the liberty to reproduce it on the following pages.

Memorial Day (1907)
#3 King Edward
E. 19th St Cleveland

My own Dear Darling Vera,
It is with supreme pleasure that I sit down to write this little letter. The last one perhaps that I will write from the present address. Things are gradually sifting themselves down to the "last" repetition before the eventful day. Next Sunday will be the last before I see you. This is the last time I expect to be in Cleveland before going to Z.C. and I will soon address you for the last time as Miss Vera Ruth Mudge. But what joy it is to me to anticipate the new pleasures which await us under new conditions which we are about to enter! Sweet as are the relations of courtship, yet I feel that the real poetry of life has just begun for your companionship will ever be a sweet fragrance and a benediction to me in the very thorniest of paths where I may have to walk. Altho you are and have for many weeks been far away from me in body yet your spirit is always with me encouraging me, cheering me and strengthening me in my work.

And so I want to say to you Vera, and to your dear Mother on this day expecially set apart for honoring the sacred memories of our departed friends and loved ones, that I believe to the spirit that is in tune with God and understands the silent and sustaining force of His Divine Love,- to that spirit the loved ones that have gone before are in nearer and closer spiritual relations than even while with us in bodily form. We love them not primarily because of their physical bodies but because their spirits and our spirits have been linked together in the most sacred bonds of Christian Love. The part we loved is with us still and is constantly living within us, growing nearer and dearer every day. I loved your beautiful Mary and it seems that my love for her today is more sweet and tender than ever before. I did not know her father but still it seems that I can feel the sweet influence of his strong and noble life. (Mary Mudge sister of

Vera Ruth d. 15 Sept 1906). As I think of these whom we love so dearly I realize that they are living in the real sense and they are simply on a higher plane of life where we cannot recognize them with our physical eyes. Their spirits developed while they were in the body but they are developing faster now and the higher we get in spiritual life the more clearly can we discern them and the more closely can we commune with them. Therefore lets not think of them as gone but be happy in their love.

Altho I am not personally with you in Z.C. yet I am with you and you are both very near to my heart. Vera, I want to thank you for that beautiful invitation to your wedding. My deepest desire for your richest happiness goes with you and I only hope that the man whom you have accepted as the companion of your life will be worthy of those high virtues which you possess. He can be nothing but kind for your loving spirit will allow nothing but kindness to grow. He is sure to be cheerful, for the possession of such a prize would cause the saddest heart to bubble over in a fountain of joy. Your invitation is sweet and appropriate, significant, I trust, of the appropriateness of the union which is soon to be made. I shall make every possible effort to be present but if anything prevents I will notify you at once and you might go on with the wedding just the same as if I were not there. But you can count on me.

Now my Dear, I really did think you were joking when you spoke about that Iowa trip and that is why I treated it so lightly. But had I known you were in earnest I would not for a moment have thrown a straw or an adverse suggestion in your way to prevent your taking that trip. I know that after a long separation one has a great desire to see his nearest and dearest relatives and in this case their desire to see you will be even greater. if you still wish to go to Iowa before coming East I willingly forego my own pleasure for the sake of yours and theirs.

I was horror struck to read the reports of that awful meeting in the Tabernacle last Sunday. On the same day that your letter reached me I received one from H.D.B. telling me of Voliva's personal treatment of himself. Barnes and Clibborn. I am glad to know that you are not in the Voliva camp and am sorry to learn that mother still stands so strongly for him. And yet I know that even in this stand she is acting in response to what she feels to be a strong conviction of loyalty and duty. My own personal belief is that Voliva is fast departing from the high standard of Christian principles for which the C.C.C. was originally founded. And in order that you may know that I have no fear of Voliva and am not awed by his tyranny and absolutism I will say this, that altho H.D.B. should not have a single friend in the city and I felt as I feel now that he is true and sincere, I would not then hesitate to have him marry us. Yes we are again agreed.

Now I suppose it is time to confess. I was going to be as good as pie about what your mother told me concerning the shower, till I gathered from another source thru a true or false impression that you knew all about it. When I found, as I thought, that you knew, I made up my mind that it was then time to have some fun about it. (Forgive me, Ma Mudge, I'll be good next time. But don't you tell the girls I squealed.)

I received a nice letter the other day from Harry and sent him a 6 or 7 page letter in return. I am glad to know that you also wrote him. He will be proud of the letter he gets from you and will be greatly helped and encouraged by it. He needs especial help at this critical time in his life. Our personal interest in him will go far towards keeping him on the right track.

Yesterday I had a great time packing. Everything is now in my trunk and grips ready to move. Tomorrow morning I will go to Toledo and tomorrow night after meeting a

club I will take the sleeper for Pittsburg arriving there Sat. A. M. at 6:00 o'clock- 7 o'clock Pittsburg time. All my stuff will go with me. I have a club to meet at 11 o'clock Sat Morning in Pittsb. When I arrive there I will take my trunk with me to the Hotel and keep it there till I decide on what rooms we will take for the present. Then I hope to relieve my trunk of some of its burden so I can take it along with me to Zion City. We are told that Mr. Marisson will be in Pittsburg next Tuesday, then I suppose we can better decide just what we are going to do. I am enclosing a nice little letter which I received from Mr. Marisson today expressing his sympathy and interest in our behalf. I suppose I will be put to a good test to see whether or not I can keep my head level. You just keep sending me a letter a day and I think I will manage some way to survive. Those letters are mighty good to get. I am not doing anything in particular today but loaf and read and write and think of you. I should certainly be in the swim on the bosom of an ocean of love if I had those forty dozen kisses to console me and help me pass the day in real happiness. My heart expands with a longing desire to embrace you and quaff that sweet nectar of pure, unmixed love as it flows from your heart.

Darling. I love you, with a pure and holy love. I will and do cherish and honor you. Together we can work and plan, live, hope and love, and the happiness of one will be the happiness of both. After careful preparation, in due time and in the providence of God we will I trust, by our union be instrumental in bringing forth a royal generation - the expression of the highest and noblest conception of our own thought and lives.

With tender devotion I am and ever shall be, Your Affectionate Arthur XX OO

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Arthur and Vera Taylor and son Clark G.

Arthur G. Taylor and Vera Ruth Mudge Taylor were married in Zion City, Illinois on 11 June 1907. According to Arthur, the family moved 10 times in the next 8 years. On 20 August 1909 Clark G. Taylor was born in Pittsburgh. Helen Vera Taylor was born 29 July 1910 In Zion, then Dorothy Marian was born 11 September 1912 in Pittsburgh.

Arthur was becoming an excellent salesman and business man, and in 1914 copyrighted a book called "The Self Quiz Manual". He developed a technique for memorizing large quantities of data and won a $25 prize for the most correct answers to a 300 question memory test. He described one situation where he met a large number of people at a meeting, and asked them to meet again in a short period of time. Arthur then took the personal and family files of this large crowd of people, and memorized the personal data on each person. At the next gathering he amazed everyone by greeting each person by name with questions relating to their personal lives.

Arthur Merle was born to Arthur and Vera on 19 April 1916 in Zion, followed by Ruth born 23 September 1917. It was after the end of the First World War (1919) that the family moved to Chicago where Gloria Veneva was born on 4 July 1922.

Arthur prospered through the period of the 1920's and had a summer home and car. However, the stock market crash caused a severe reversal of the family

fortunes, and the 1930-1940 period was one of recovery.

Clark G. Taylor was the first of Arthur's children to marry, and just prior to the ceremony Arthur wrote another letter, this time to the Brittain family in Boston. This letter did not come to light until the Golden Wedding anniversary of Clark and Myrtle. This letter is so characteristic of the humor in the Taylor family that it is reproduced in its entirety for your enjoyment:

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Arthur G. Taylor
9525 S. Seeley Ave
Chicago Illinois
August 1st 1932

Mr. Walter Robin Brittain
Boston Mass

Dear Walter, - May I call you "Walter"?

I'm writing to express to you my appreciation for the wonderful service you are rendering our family. For years we ve been thinking and wondering what to do with our son Clark. He has sort of grown out of our reach - considerably taller than either Mrs Taylor or myself and having ideas that seem to be entirely his own. We've often thought of turning him over to some one else to care for but were never able to content him with our choice.

Somehow it never occurred to us that the girls in Boston were any better than those in Chicago. When we thought of Boston it was always in connection with beans, fish or tea parties, hence our surprise when Clark turned his back on 3,000,000 people in Chicago and hitch-hiked to Boston to see what he could find there... and he found her.

But that wasn't all. Weddings, like funerals, you know, are expensive these days and Chicago, as you have doubtless learned has had a lot of bank failures. Truely it was almost adroit of you and exceedingly clever, economically speaking, to hold this wedding in Boston. I don't know how I can ever repay you but will keep it in mind. The best of it all is - and here's where the joke's on you - that Chicago and not Boston will be the big gainer in the deal. With the St. Lawrence Waterway now an assured fact, politically at least, the rivalry between these two seaports will become increasingly keen. Under such circumstances population counts and it is we, not you, that get the increase.

Perhaps - no, not "perhap's" - our biggest reason for great, full appreciation is the fact that it was your own sister who captured the hearts not only of our son but his Daddy and Ma as well, and hosts of others. The vacancy that will be caused in your family by her return to Chicago will be more than compensated by the satisfaction and pleasure we will all enjoy in having her in Chicago. I'm sure you'll agree that's a mighty unselfish way (for Boston) to look at it. I dare not say more for fear of losing my restraint.

Anyway, give their bark a good shove-off into the sea of matrimony and when they drift to our shore we'll give them a welcome home and leave them undisturbed in their own little nest.

Our family all greatly regret that they and their relatives can't be at the big picnic so the best we can do is to send your family and relatives

Greetings.
A.G.Taylor
Vera Ruth Taylor

Robin Brittain, son of Walter to whom the above letter was written said his father did not know what to make of the letter when received in 1932!

Arthur and Vera eventually moved to Naperville Illinois, where Vera died after an extended illness on 11 May 1946. She was buried in the Naperville Cemetery.

Arthur Garfield Taylor

Arthur moved to Aurora Illinois where he met and on 4 September 1947 married Eleanora Nelson. They lived happily together until her death in 1965. Arthur spent his remaining years in a church home in Indiana where he died on 8 November 1967. He is buried next to Vera Ruth in the Naperville cemetery.

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Vera Ruth Mudge, wife of Arthur G. Taylor is decendent from 9 generations of Mudges within the United States. In addition, there are several generations of Clarks, Sloans, and Gibsons to account for. Her family background covers many exciting chapters of American history, and as done in previous chapters, we will now look at the ancestory of Vera Ruth Mudge.

The very first significant piece of genealogical

data which was available to the author was an article in an Iowa newspaper on the occasion of the Golden Wedding anniversary of John Gibson and Elizabeth Clark Gibson. This occurred in 1907 and was attended by Arthur and Vera Taylor. In his letter of Memorial Day, 1907, Arthur referred to going to Iowa since that was Vera's wish. The article is reproduced in total below:

Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs John Gibson

A few of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs John Gibson called upon them, last Tuesday afternoon, and congratulated them upon the fiftieth anniversary of their married life. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson reached that anniversary on the 11th inst., but their children were not all at home at that time, and they did nothing in the way of celebrating the event. After the arrival of their daughter, Mrs. Mudge, a few friends were asked to commemorate the occasion with them.

Mrs. Hugh McCarroll told of the early life and privations of her parents during their pioneer days. A poem written for the occasion by a relative, Rev. T.R. Johnson, of Ottumwa, was read. Rev J.W. Innes, on behalf of the friends, presented Mr. and Mrs. Gibson with a golden oak table and rocker. The exercises of the afternoon closed with prayer by Rev. Hugh McCarroll. The guests were served in the dining room, which was decorated in gold and white. Mr. and Mrs Gibson were married in this county fifty years ago, and for nearly forty years have been residents of Monticello, and it is with pleasure that we record the honors bestowed upon them, last Tuesday. They have been industrious, and their example has never been ought but good.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were married in a log house, the home of Mrs. Gibson's brother, Mr. Hazen Clark, in Scotch Grove township this county. The bonnet and slippers worn by the bride were brought from Dubuque by the minister's wife, and the bridal couple came down a ladder into the sitting room where they were married in the presence of a large company of early settlers, by Rev. J.L.Wilson, who afterwards baptized their five daughters. Five of the wedding guests were present at the golden wedding anniversary, viz. Mr. and Mrs. William Sutherland, Mrs Caroline Sutherland, Mr. Matthias Sweesy and Mr. Robert Clark.

Mr. John Gibson was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, April 10, 1829. His paternal grandfather and father were Virginians. His maternal grandfather, Col. Sloan and sister were stolen by the Indians when fourteen and twelve years of age respectively, and were afterwards rescued with other white prisoners by Gen. Wayne, at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The girl prisoner died soon after reaching home from the effects of the hardships she had endured. The young man who had been a favorite with the Indians, became the leading man in his community in his day. He was Colonel of the state troops, and a member of the legislature. His grandson, Joseph Gibson, and family, came to Iowa in 1846. After a short time they returned to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, but returned again to Birmingham, Iowa, where Joseph Gibson died the next year. His widow and three children, including the subject of this sketch, then removed to Maquoketa Iowa, but after a time settled permanently in Scotch Grove township. John Gibson engaged in farming in Scotch Grove where he was president of the school board, and a member of the Presbyterian church in which he was a precentor.

Mrs. Gibson's maiden name was Elizabeth Mary Clark, the daughter of David Clark and Margaret Bell Clark. She was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, June 26th 1832. Her father, David Clark, was descended from the same stock as Governor Beaver, of Pennsylvania. He served in the war of 1812, and was prominent in Presbyterian circles. Elizabeth was educated in Westminster college, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and came to Iowa in 1856, in company with her kinsmen, Mr.Matthias Sweesy and Mr. Newton Bentley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were privileged to have all of their children with them, last Tuesday, viz., Mrs. Amelia Bacher, Miss Luella Gibson, Mrs. Asenath Mudge, Mrs. Libbie Robertson, Mrs. Ada McCarrol. Four grand-children were also present.

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The name of the newspaper and the exact month and date of the above article have not yet been uncovered. However there is plenty of data to explore.

The reference to Joseph Gibson as a Virginian has to date led to dead ends, and no more is currently known about the Gibsons than is in the above article.

The Gibson Family 1907

The reference to David Clark serving in the war of 1812 has not been verified, but it is likely. There were in fact at lease five David Clarks listed as volunteers from Pennsylvania.

The capture of the Sloan children is a documented fact and additional information is available on the Sloans.

The Mercer County court house was most helpful in searching grantor and grantee deeds and wills for the Clark family. There are uncounted Clark families in Pennsylvania and keeping them all separate is a challenge. However the following record is based on passage of certain land titles from father to son.

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The first entry in the legal file of the Clark family is the last will and testament of William Clark. At this point earlier entries are only speculative:

William Clark Will 1811

In the name of God, Amen. I William Clark of the county of Mercer and the State of Pennsylvania being very sick and weak in body but of a sound mind, memory, and understanding blessed be God for the same but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life do make and publish this my last will and testement in manner and form following------

Principally and first of all I commend my immortal soule into the hands of God who gave it and the body to the Earth to be burried in a decent and Christian like manner at the discretion of Executor herein after named and as to such (worldly) estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life I give and dispose in following manner. To Wit:

(And) as touching all the rest residue and remainder of my estate (rail) and personal of whatsoever kind the same may be in the County of Mercer or elsewhere I give and divide in the manner following: the place where I now live to be equally divided between them at my death, James Clark & William Clark. My wife to have her maintenance of the place. Nancy Phillips to have one cow. The rest of my moveable property to be equally divided amoungst the five youngest children. Rebecha Clark is to get one cow more than the rest of the children. The three oldest have got their part with Nancy getting the cow and John and David getting the land and David getting the horse. And lastly I nominate (constitute) and appoint my dear wife Mary Clark and my son John Clark to be the executors of this my will hereby revoking all other wills legacies and bequeths by me heretofor made and declaring this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set two my hand the twenty fourth day December one thousand eight hundred and eleven. Joined sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said testator as his last will and testament in presence of us who in his presence and at his request have subscribed as witness.

Thomas Canon William Farrel William Clark (seal)

Mercer County. Before me the subscriber Register of wills in and for Mercer county personally came Thomas Cannon esq & William Farrell who on their solomn oaths duly administered ------ faith that they were present and saw William Clark the testator to the will annexed sign, seal and deliver the forgoing will as for his last will & testament and that he was of sound mind and memory at the time of so doing to the best of their knowledge.

Sworn and Subscribed before me Sept 26 1814 Thos Canon
William Farrel

Bevar Pearson Reg.

The Will of William Clark detailed above gives an unusually clear picture of the family members. In the distribution, note that David gets the land. In the next document we will review the deed by which that was done.

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Mercer Co Pa Deed William Clark and David Clark
18 December 1811

This indenture made this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eleven between William Clark and Mary his wife of Mercer county and State of Pennsylvania of the one part and David Clark of the county and the aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that the said William Clark and Mary his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred cents to them in hand paid by the said David Clark at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have given granted bargained and sold xxxxxxx xxxxxx released and confirmed and by these presents do give grant bargain sell xxxxx xxxxxxx release and confirm unto the said David Clark his heirs and asigns all that piece of land situate in the third district of donation land in Mercer county bounded and described as follows-vis Beginning at a white oak North eighty seven degrees and one half east two hundred perches to a post thence North three degrees West eighty perches to a Maple thence south eighty seven degrees and one half West two hundred perches to a post thence South three degrees East eighty perches to the beginning containing one hundred acres. Being part of the lot X:xxxx in the third district xxxxx the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania granted unto Archibalde Murphey sergeant by patent bearing date the tenth day of September 1787 e&nd the said E Archibalde Murphey vi his deed bearing date the eighteenth of February in the year 1803 conveyed the same unto John McElhiney e&nd the same John McElhiney by his deed bearing date the thirty first day of December 1803 conveyed the said tract of land unto William Clark his heirs and assigns forever. Together with all and singular the improvements? rights liberties priviledges advantages hereditiments and apurtenances whatever thereunto belonging or in anyway appertaining. To have and to

hold all the above mentioned piece of land first above described one hundred acres hereby granted or intended so to be with the appurtenances unto the said David Clark his heirs and assigns to the only proper? use benefit and behoof of him the said David Clark his heirs and asigns forever e&nd the said William Clark and Mary his wife for themselves and their heirs also? make covenant promise and agree to and with the said David Clark his heirs and asigns by these presents that the said William Clark and Mary his wife and their heirs the said described tract of land hereis granted with the appurtenances unto the said David Clark his heirs and assigns against him the said William Clark and his heirs and against all and every other person or persons whatever lawfully claiming or to Claim the same shall and will warrant and forever defend by their presents in witness xxxxx the said William Clark and Mary his wife have hereunto set their marks and seal this day and year givith as written.

sealed and delivered in the presence of William Clark

Tho Canon William Farrel Mary Clark

Received on the day as the date of the within written indenture of the above named David Clark the sum of one dollar in full of the consideration money therein mentioned.

In attest Tho Canon William Clark

Mercer County Came before as the Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid William Clark and Mary his wife who acknowledged the within indenture to be their act and deed and requested that the same might be recorded as such. The fair Mary being of full age separable and apart from her said husband by me examined and the contents made known to her--Given under my name and seal this twenty fourth day of December 1811.

Recorded June 10 1816(?) Tho Canon

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David Clark now has the land.

In the author's possession is a book entitled "Psalms carefully suited to Christian Worship in the United States of America", published by Patterson and Lambden, 1821. It is an interesting book inherited from the Taylor family and has written in it, David Clark hymn Book. Do not tear this book." and on the next page: "David Clark's book December the 29th 1841, Wm B. Clark." There is more written but it is unintelligible. On another page appears "John Clark" and also written in is the word "Margaret". The book is very nearly destroyed by the ravages of time. The reason that the book is important is that it helps tie the Clark family to the wills and deeds that are quoted herein.

David acquired more farm land as time went on. In the following deed, David purchases land from his brother that was willed by William Clark to William. Compare if you will the original land grant and forgive the errors in recording the words. All of these documents were written in early quill pen scratches.

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Deed of Land from William Clark to David Clark 1827

This indenture made this seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and twenty seven between William Clark of Mercer County and State of Pennsylvania of the one part and David Clark of the County and state aforesaid of the other part witnessth that the said William Clark for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said David Clark his heirs and assigns all the following described part or parcel of land with the appurtenances situate lying and in the county of Mercer and bounded as follows viz Beginning at a Beech thence North eighty seven degrees east Eighty one and one fourth perches to a maple thence North three degrees west ninety four perches to a black oak thence south eighty seven degrees west eighty one and one fourth perches to a black oak xxxxxx thence South three degrees east ninety four perches to the plan of beginning containing forty five acres with the usual allowance being part of lot No. 5 in the 3rd district of donation land (it being off the portion) of one hundred acres of land bequeathed to James and William by their father William Clark recorded an will more fully appear by

having reference to said Will which the commonwealth of Pennsylvania granted unto Archibalde Murphey by his deed bearing date the eighteenth of February 1803 conveyed the same unto John McElhiney and the said John McElhiney by Deed bearing date the thiry first day of December 1803 conveyed to William Clark his heirs and assigns forever to have and to hold the above described land xxxxxxxx is with the appurtenances to the said David Clark his heirs or assigns forever and the said William Clark for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the said David Clark his heirs or assigns that he the said William Clark the above described tract of land and premisses to the said David Clark his heirs or assigns shall and will warrant and forever defend against all persons and claims whatsoever in testimony whereof the aforesaid William Clark has here unto set his hand and seal the day and year just written.
Signed sealed and delivered in the
presence of Wm McMillan William Clark (seal)

Received the day of the sale of the above written indenture the sum of one hundred in full consideration money therein mentioned $100.00. William Clark

Mercer County Before me one of the Justices of the Peace for said County came Mr. Clark and acknowledged the foregoing Indenture to be his act and deed and that it might be introduced as such given under my hand and seal this eleventh day of July 1827.
Recorded July 11th 1827 Wm McMillan

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At this point lets review what we know about the Clark family.

William Clark purchased land in Mercer Co on
31 December 1803
m. Mary (from will)

Children:

James	Received land from will
William	Sold land to David 1827
David	Received land for $1.00
John	Executor of Williams will
Rebecha	
Nancy	gets the cow
Children	Unnamed

Specifically looking at David's family, the Census of 1850 is very informative:

Shenango Township 1850 Mercer Co Penn

Clark,	David	62	Farmer	$2000	Wash Co
	Margaret	52			Penna
	James C.	23	Farmer		Mercer
	John C.	21	Wagon Maker		Mercer
	Elizabeth	18			
	Robert	16			
	David N.	13			
	Margaret	11			

Other children of David were Samuel Hazen and William B Clark who were married and operating their own farms in 1850.

In the biographical sketches of Scotch Grove Township under the name, Samuel H. Clark we learn that David Clark was born in Washington Co Penn, Oct 12, 1788, and died in Mercer Co in 1850. (After the Census). Margaret Bell Clark was born near Carlisle, Penn., in 1798. After David died, his wife Margaret married John Bentley and moved to Scotch Grove Iowa in 1859.

Meanwhile, in Mercer county, David Clark apparently had a heart attack on the farm and died intestate, (without a will). The following documents give an accounting of the farm inventory and how the land was distributed. At the conclusion of the legal proceedings, most of the family, including Margaret moved to Iowa.

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October 1850
Auction

A Schedule of the personal property of David Clark deceased as sold this 7th day of October AD 1850.

Property Sold	Purchasers Names	$	Cents
1 Sythe & Cradle	S. H. Clark	1	00
2 Kegs & old irons	James Dawson	1	50
1 Shovel & Mattocts	John Gilpsey	1	10
1 Meat Barrel	Mathew Dawson Jr	1	12.5
1 old barrel	S. H. Clark	1	31.25

1	barrel & lime	Wm Clark	1	18.75
1	Hilling hoe	Peggy Clark	1	32
1	d d	d	1	18.75
1	barrel & timothy seed	Mathew Dawson Jr	2	06.25
1	old axe	Calvin Clark	2	12.5
1	Larg Kettle&bales	Peggy Clark	2	80
1	axe	James Clark	1	15
1	ten gallon kettle	James Irwin	2	48
1	old pot	Calvin Clark	2	25
1	bake oven	James Irwin	2	37.5
1	sythe & snead(?)	George Allen	1	122
1	lot of boards	Calvin Clark	1	00
1	grind stone	John Clark	1	62.5
3	bags	Mathew Dawson	1	50
1	spinning wheel	Cyrus Gibson	1	31.25
1	pine plank	John Clark	1	122
1	log chain	James Dawson	1	00
2	breast chains	James Clark	1	70
1	set of chairs	Peggy Clark	8	00
1	sled & Harrow	Cemtrose Byers	2	25
1	sleigh	John Conner	3	00
2	pigs 1st choice	James Irwin	1	89
2	pigs 2nd choice	James Irwin	1	37.5
1	spotted sow	Thomas Miles	2	06.25
1	hog 1st choice	Hiram Clark	2	00
			38	93.25

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1	hog last choice	William Patterson	1	93
1	sow and pigs	James White	3	50
1	Wagon	James Clark	19	50
1	sled	James K. Hope	2	12.5
1	sled metal soles	Robert McClelland	4	62.5
1	double tree & clevis	James Clark	4	25
1	old saddle	James Clark	4	87.5
2	pitch forks	Peter Bixler	4	53
1	pitch fork	John Byers	4	63
1	rake	Samuel McClosky	4	10
1	cutting box	Hiram Clark	4	32
1	winch mill	Wm B. Clark	11	25
1	rake	James K. Hope	11	08
1	Halter	Wm Byers	11	12.5
1	Bridle	Peter Bixler	11	65
1	two horse buggy w/shafts	Peggy Clark	40	00
1	set buggy harness	Peggy Clark	13	75
1	Brindle Cow	Peggy Clark	8	00
1	white cow	Thomas Miles	10	63.5
1	black Heifer	Mathew Dawson	6	37.5
1	---- 2 year old steers	John Thompson	21	00

1 spotted Heifer	Wm B. Clark	3	63.5
1 year old bull	John Clark	3	37.5
1 heifer calf	James White	1	91
1 lot of sheep 12 in number -- Bidelle		7	50
1 year old mare colt	John -----	23	62.5
1 spring colt	James Conner	13	06.25
1 Black Mare (Widow)	S. C. Johnston	22	50
1 Black colt	James White	13	51
1 ton hay	Adam Dawson	6	12.5
1 ton hay	Adam Dawson	6	25
1 ton hay	D. ----------	6	35
1 ton hay	Wm -------	6	50
1 ton hay mow or let	-------	6	46
		240	31

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1 Ton clover hay	James Clark	6	35
1 ton clover hay mow	Calvin Clark	6	00
50 Bushels of oats	Calvin Clark	16	50
50 Bushels of oats	Wm Patterson	16	75
40 bushels of wheat	John Byers	30	00
15 bushels of rye	James Dawson	6	30
15 bushels of rye	James Dawson	6	30
3 bushels rye more or less d d		1	26
1 lot of flax	Hiram Clark	1	50
25 bushels of buckwheat	D.C. Byers	7	00
10 bushels of buckwheat	Wm B. Clark	3	35
10 bushels of buckwheat	James White	3	35
50 bushels ears of corn	James Porter	10	00
25 bushels ears of corn	James Conner	4	75
25 bushels ears of corn	James Clark	5	00
25 bushels ears of corn	Calvin Clark	5	00
25 bushels ears of corn	James White	4	75
25 bushels ears of corn	S. H. Clark	5	00
10 bushels of Potatoes	Adam Dawson	1	90
10 bushels of potatoes	Calvin Clark	----------	
1 flax heckle	John Conner	1	44
1 pair of sheep shears	Hiram Biddle	1	42
1 lot of flax	Peggy Clark	1	50
		147	77

I do certify that the above as also Page 1st and 2nd is a true list of the personal property of David Clark as sold at Venders as witness my hand.

-- Byers, Clerk

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There are no doubt some documents missing in the file. No records of distribution of cash was uncovered. The Clark farm was a large one, and the auction was held in October probably in order to sell the grain that was planted by David that spring. We now continue with a settlement of the estate:

24 March 1857

State of Pennsylvania, Mercer County: At an Orphans Court held at Mercer in and for the County of Mercer on the 23 day of March AD 1857 before the Hon John S McCalman President and his associate judges of said Court.

The petition of William B. Clark Samuel H Clark, John C. Clark, Elizabeth M Clark, Robert Clark, Margaret Clark who is a minor & petitions by Wm S Bell his guardian and John Bently & Margaret Bently his wife formerly Margaret Clark late widow of David Clark of Shenango Township Mercer County decs. Setting forth that David Clark late of Shenango Township Mercer County was in his life time twice seized in his demise as of fee of and in Eighty acres of land, more or less situate in the township afordsaid and bounded on the South by Lands of David C Ried. On the East by lands of Nichelos Bixter. on the South by lands of William B. Clark & Joseph McKelvey and on the West by lands of Thomas Cannon and lying so seized died intestate leaving your petitioners his children & widow since intermarried with John Bently- and one other Son to wit David N. Clark who since died without issue, to whom said land descended as the heirs of said David Clark deceaased as tenants in Common and that said Wm B Clark has purchased the interest of Samuel H. & John C. & Robert Clark for which he has deeds.

Your petitioners would therefor pray your Honor to appoint John Ripple, David Larimer, James Conner Robert R King, William Sweesy Joseph M'Elvy & John Woods being seven disinterested men chosen on behalf & with the consent of the parties to make partition of the same according to law & they will may:

Therefor the Court appoints the said John Ripple, David Larimer, James Conner, Robert R. King, William Sweesy, Joseph M'Elvy, & John Woods for the purpose aforesaid, who are hereby authorized and empowered to go to the premises aforesaid and in the presence of the said parties or there legal representatives, if they having

been severally warned will be present having respect to the true value thereof the said mess--age and tract of land: to divide and part amoung the parties interested therein, if it can be done without prejudice to or spoiling the whole. But if such partition cannot be made as aforesaid, that then they inquire into the value thereof, and make and return a just appraisment of the whole, and the several shares or free parts into which they may divide the same agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided and make advise thereof to the next Orphans Court of said county to be holden at Mercer on the 3rd Monday of April next. By the Court

Given under my hand and seal this 4th day of March AD 1857.

D _ _____ Clerk

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21 April 1857

In the matter of the partition of the Real Estate of David Clark late of Shenango Township Mercer County decs.

In the Orphans Court of Mercer County Pennsylvania No 21 January ---- 1857

Inquisition by a Jury of Seven on Eighty Acres of land more or less situate in Shenango Township Mercer county Pa. Said Inquisition returning that the said premises cannot be parted and divided among the parties entitled thereto, and that they have appraised and realized the said premises at the sum of twenty three hundred and fifty dollars.

April 21st 1857 Inquest Confirmed and ---- on the heirs to appear at next term and accept or (refere) the property at the valuation of the inquest. By the Court

August 17 1857

In the Matter of the Partition of the Real Estate of David Clark late of Shenango Township Mercer County.

In the Orphans Court of Mercer County No. 21 of January Ten 1857.

And Now --------- August 17, 1857 William B. Clark the Eldest Son and heir of David Clark deceased, above named, ------- --to Court and accepts the premisses at the valuation of the inquest and prays the court to accord the same to him.

Attest --------- Wm B. Clark

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Finally, in August 1857, William B. Clark takes control of the land of David Clark, having purchased the shares of the other brothers and sisters. Margaret Bell Clark now married to John Bentley and daughter Elizabeth Mary head for Iowa.

According to the Golden Wedding notice previously shown, Elizabeth marries John Gibson in Iowa in 1857. The Gibson's had five daughters;

Family of John Gibson and Elizabeth Mary Clark Gibson

Margaret Amelia	b. 2 April 1858
Luella Jane	b. 8 October 1860
Asenath Mary	b. 9 September 1862 d. 22 Dec 1920
Libbie Viola	b. 9 March 1864
Ada Florence	b. 15 February 1866

Asenath Mary Gibson married Clark Edson Mudge on May 1, 1882. There were two children of this marriage:

Vera Ruth Mudge	b. 5 April 1884
Mary Elma Mudge	b. 7 December 1887 d. 15 Sept 1906

Clark Edson Mudge Family

Now we will step back and review the Sloan family. You may want to look at the family tree at the end of this chapter if you feel that you are losing the continuity of the family. The original Sloan settled in Cumberland Pennsylvania in the early 1700's. He had several sons, some of whom were David, William, Samuel, and James. James Sloan enlisted in 1777 as Sergeant in Captain John Clark's company, 13th Penn Regiment under Col Walter Stewart. Our family decends from Samuel Sloan who had the following children:

Children of Samuel Sloan

John	b. 1777	captured by Indians 1791
Nancy	b. 1779	captured by Indians 1791
William		
Samuel		
Esther		

In 1799, John Sloan married Elizabeth Gibson and had the following children:

Margaret	b. 29 Oct 1800	d. 25 Aug 1878
Levi	b. 18 Apr 1802	
Sidney	b. 15 Apr 1804	
Nancy	b. 18 Apr 1806	
Samuel	b. 25 Nov 1808	
Jane	b. 30 Jun 1810	
John	b. 25 Aug 1815	
Lavina	b. 29 Jul 1817	
Elizabeth	b. 29 Jul 1820	

Margaret Sloan married Joseph Gibson, the father and mother of John Gibson.

Special thanks goes to Rev Richard Sloan McCarroll who generously gave me the information above at the occasion of my parents Golden Wedding Anniversary in Boston in 1982.

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In review, we have looked at the report of the John Gibson Golden Wedding in Iowa, and have traced back to the known history of John Gibson and Elizabeth Mary Clark Gibson. Their daughter Asenath married Clark Edson Mudge and we will now trace the Mudge family line in America.

Some of the family have expressed an interest in

how the family history was put together. The Mudge history is one which was elusive for a long period of time, then fell together almost instantly.

The start was in a random call made to cemeteries in Chicago. After two or three false starts, I called the Mount Olivett cemetery and talked to the keeper of the records who gave me the names of the family buried there and how to go about obtaining the death certificates. The following information was obtained:

MT OLIVETT CEMETARY INFORMATION RECEIVED BY TELCON NOV 8 1983

312-872-5476 LEANNA

John C. Taylor died 18 Nov 1909 buried 20 Nov 1909
Last Address 3019 Enoch Zion
Otis Scripter, funeral dir

Eliza Lavina McManis Taylor died 8 Mar 1942 buried 11 Mar 1942
Both in Section H Lot 181

Clark Edson Mudge died 20 June 1903 buried 22 June 1903 Age 52
Zion Illinois by J.K. Bowers
Section H Lot 207

Asenath Mary Gibson Mudge died in Chicago buried 24 Dec 1920
Last Address (from death cer) 2712 Enoch, Zion

Mary Elma Mudge (sister of Vera Ruth) d. 15 Sept 1906 buried 17 Sept 1906
Last Address 2712 Enoch, Zion by B.J. Hopkins

Ada Florence Gibson McCarroll d. Hipharm Montanna 15 Jan 1921
buried 19 Jan 1921 Age 55

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I asked my uncle Art M. Taylor to photograph the grave site, and I wrote to the county clerk of Lake county Illinois for the death certificate. The following information was furnished: Clark E. Mudge, age 52 born in Sherbourn Co NY State, lived in Illinois 20 days, merchant, died 20 June 1903, cause of death, tuberculosis of the lungs.

From the tombstone Art learned that Clark E. Mudge was born Jan 11 1851.

A search of the census records failed to turn up C.E. Mudge, and to this day he does not show up on the census. We next turned to Sherbourn Co, New York, and found a large number of Mudges. Unfortunately, we were not able to uncover any further information on CEM. The historian in Sherbourn, Charlene Bryan sent me some information on the Mudge family that I will reproduce here, not that it applies directly to our family line, but because it was so interesting.

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Mudge Family History

The Mudge Family

The Mudge family of Sherburne and Smyrna, is worthy of mention in these annals. They are the descendents of Jarvis Mudge who was of Boston as early as 1638, of Hartford 1640, of Wethersfield 1644, and afterwards of New London, Conn, where he died in 1653, leaving two sons, Moses and Micah, of whom the latter had a son Ebenezer, b. of Northampton, Mass, 1683, who afterwards lived at Lebanon, and Sharon, Conn., where he died 1758 leaving among other children, Abraham, b. 1728, who married Anna Gray, January 26, 1753, she the sister of Nathaniel and John Gray who were prominent among the pioneers of Sherburne. Abraham Mudge removed to Canaan, Columbia County, NY, where (she?) died June 22, 1776. A son Abraham 2d, born 1753, married Phebe Valentine and removed to Florida, Montgomery County, then to Sherburne, where it is said he built a mill on the Chenango river, which he sold to Mr. Munson of Smyrna, was carried away by a freshet. He then removed to Bainbridge, where he died 1833. Was a soldier of the Revolution and in his later years drew a pension. The records show that Abraham Mudge, Sr., and Abraham Mudge, Jr., were both members of a company of Exempts at Canaan, Kings District August 12 1778, and Abraham, Sr., was a member of the committee of Public Safety there. They were members of the New Concord Congregational Church, town of Canaan, and the records show that Abraham, Jr., was excommunicated, after a long trial for hetrodox opinions looking in the direction of the Restorationists, as was also his kinsman, John Gray, Sr., afterwards of Sherburne, for a similar reason.

Abraham, Jr., had among other sons, Isaac, born June 4, 1788, who came to Sherburne with his father's family and then married his second cousin, Mercy Raymond, daughter of Abraham and Betsey Gray Raymond, February 24, 1810. They removed to Bainbridge with his father's family about 1825, but afterwards returned and lived at Smyrna for several years.

While there he concocted a preparation called "Mudge's Anti-Bibious Pills", which obtained considerable local celebrity. Whether their principal ingredients were of an antiseptic or diuretic, or cathartic character we do not now remember, but we believe were warranted to be affective at something less than forty rods, to all the ills that flesh is heir to. They met with a ready sale until the rumor got abroad that his whole hennery had been depopulated by an extra experimental dose!

Isaac Mudge joined the old church on the West Hill on profession of Faith, April 7, 1820. His wife had united there September 2, 1804. Mr. Mudge and his sons removed to Earlville, where they were actively and successfully engaged in the manufacture of Trask's Magnetic Ointment which business was continued until and after his death, which occurred September 22, 1846.

Isaac mudge was a character of note in his day. He was of immense stature, nearly 6 feet 9 in height, and of Abraham Lincoln quaintness and temperment. It is said of him that on one occasion meeting another teamster in a narrow roadway in the winter time when the snow was very deep, and consequently difficult to pass, his obstreperous vis-a-vis insisted with not a little vociferousness that he should give way and get out of the road. Finally dire threats being made as to what would happen if he did not speedily do so Mr. Mudge, who was lying prone on the bottom of his sleigh-box, began to raise up, but by the time he had gotten upon his knees, he looked so formidable, that his irate antagonist shouted out to him for heaven's sake not to show any more of himself, and he would give him the whole road!

Another time he is said to have fallen off from a footbridge over the Chenango river, into deep water, and after a little struggle apparently drowned. When he came to himself he was lying on his back in the middle of the stream unable to move, but perfectly conscious,

able to see the bridge above him, and so he lay for some time, and speculated upon the probable consequences, until some one coming along saw him, and so he was gotten out.

Mrs. Mudge survived her husband, and died at Belvidere, Ill., February 12, 1861. Of their children were:

William, who married Miranda Strew, daughter of John Strew, of Smyrna. He died in 1859, and was buried at Earlville. Left several children.

Albert was a farmer. Resided at Bainbridge, afterwards removed to Illinois, and then to Cool Spring, Indiana, where he died.

Leander, born, September 19, 1818, married Helen M. Buell, daughter of Ira Buell. Lived at Earlville until the sale of his interest in Trask's Magnetic Ointment, when he removed to Elgin, Illinois, was afterwards at Springfield, Ohio, and now is of Randalia, Fayette County, Iowa. Has an interesting family of four daughters and one son.

Abraham, born 1821, married Persis Buell and died at Earlville June 15, 1848, in the full flush of his manly strength, deeply mourned by all who knew him. Buried on Sherburne West Hill.

Raymond Mudge born, 1826, married Harriet Wheeler, removed from Earlville to Belvidere, Illinois, where she died 1864, leaving a daughter Jessie. He married again and at last account was living at Chicago.

Taken altogether they were men of marked mold and superior quality. They are still remembered by many at Earlville and Smyrna.

Rev John Mudge, kindred of the above, was early of Sherburne, and formed the first Baptist Church in the township, which was located just east of Earlville, and near the town line. The old records show that it was organized June 24 1802, a few meetings having been held previously. He remained its pastor for four years. He had come on from Duanesburgh where he was located prior to 1800. He was afterwards at Alexandra, Genesie County, for a time, and died at Highland, Mich., June 5, 1839. "He was a tall, large, dark-complexioned man, my ideal of all that was grand and noble," as a granddaughter writes of him, a typical pioneer pastor.

He was a Chaplain in the Revolutionary War, and a pensioner.

A daughter, Elizabeth, born 1781, married Edward Grey, son of John Grey, Sr., of Sherburne.

A son, John, Jr, was a farmer and resided for some years at Sherburne, and until about 1820, when he removed to Wheatland, N.Y., was afterwards of Hartland, Mich., where he was killed by a threshing machine in 1853. Was a Baptist. Had fifteen children.

A Charlotte Mudge was a school teacher in Sherburne, and a menber of the old Church on the West Hill, where she taught the summer of 1816.

M.D. Raymond

Tarrytown-on-Hudson, February 18, 1893

Transcribed from original records by Charlene Bryan 18 March 1984 by request of David B. Taylor

Upon receipt of the Mudge information, I was once again determined to uncover the Mudge History. In a review of geneaology books, I uncovered a reference to a book entitled: "Mudge Memorials" written by Alfred Mudge and published in 1868. The book is a compilation of over 400 Mudges, almost all of whom were decendent from Jarvis Mudge mentioned in the above article. Unfortunately, the author of the book was forced to rely on letters from family members for the most up to date information, and there was no mention of Clark Edson Mudge. (There was an Edson Mudge in Sherbourn, however, which gave me some hope). There seemed to be no way to tie the information together until my mother found in some old family papers given her by Vera Ruth Mudge, the following family chronicle written on a scrap of brown paper, badly aged:

Family Name	Born	Married	Died
Parents			
Edson J. Mudge	14 Oct 1812 Guilford NY	5 Apr 1838 Guilford NY Rev J. Fox	3 Ap 1874 Guilford
Ruth Angeline Burrows	24 Aug 1813		14 Nov 1872 Edgington Ill

Children			
Emeline C Mudge	Sept 14 1840 Guliford	13 Ap 1858 Edgington Ill	
Lester Dewitt Mudge	28 Ap 1845 Guilford	10 Sep 1867 Edgington	
Clark Edson Mudge	11 Jan 1851 Guilford	1 May 1882 Monticello Iowa	
Elijah Burrows	14 Ap 1790 New Canaan	20 Sep 1812 Green River	15 Jun 1828 Guilford
Betsy Smith	29 Nov 1790 New Canaan		31 Oct 1874 Kane Co Ill

The above information was especially exciting since it immediately tied the entire Mudge family together. If you are interested in the Mudge family history, try to read a copy of the "Mudge Memorials" by Alfred Mudge, 1868. In the meantime, I'll detail the chain of events.

Jarvis Mudge b. probably in England. Was mentioned in the Boston court records 1638. Married Rebecca Elsen in 1649. Died 1653 (approx) Children:

Micah b. 1650 New London Conn.

Moses b. 1652

Micah Mudge b. 160 New London Conn. m. Mary Alexander on 23 September 1670. d. January 1724 in Hebron Conn.

Children of Micah Mudge:

Mary b 8 Aug 1671 d. 3 Nov 1706
Elizabeth b. 10 Oct 1673
Sarah
Moses
Abigail
Ebenezer b. 26 Feb 1683
Thankful b. 1685 m. 19 July 1714
Susanna
Martha
Isaac Tilden

Ebenezer Mudge b. 26 Feb 1673 Northampton Mass. Married Abigail Skinner b. 17 Feb 1691, Malden Mass on 13 January 1708. Died 21 April 1758 in Sharon Conn age 75 y 1m and 23d.

Children of Ebenezer and Abigail:

Ebenezer b. 23 October 1709
Mary b. 30 May 1711
Abigail b. 28 Oct 1712
Elizabeth b. 31 July 1714
Samuel b. 4 May 1716
Micah b. 6 Mar 1718
Martha b. 4 October 1720
Joseph b. 28 May 1722
Jarvis b. 1723
Deborah
Abraham b. 16 June 1728
Sarah

Joseph Mudge b. 28 May 1722 in Hebron Conn. His wife was Jane Jarvis. "He lived in Sharon Conn until after 1758. The next we know of him, he has a family in Canaan N.Y. living in the village called New Lebanon. He was a millwright and miller, and owned a mill in Sharon, as he also did in New Lebanon. He was a member of the Congregational church in Sharon.

Children of Joseph and Jane Mudge:

Daniel b. 1745
Joseph
Aaron
Jared
James b. 22 Dec 1772
Roswell
Rhoda and Esther

Jared Mudge b. 1757 in Sharon Conn. Married Ellis Carpenter. d. in Guilford NY age 73. He was a farmer, and lived in New Lebanon from which place he removed to Breakabeen, and from thence to Guilford: He was a Revolutionary soldier, and said to have been a pensioner. The following is his pension record:

Jared Mudge National Archives File S 11122
State of New York
Otsego County

On this the 23rd day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared before his Honor Sherman Paige Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Otsego Jared Mudge a resident of the Town of Unadilla in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged seventy five years and eight months who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832-- that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit: that he enlisted as a private soldier at New Lebenon in the State of New York in the Spring of the year 1777 for one year in the Company commanded by Capt White in the Regiment Commanded by Col Watsman New York State Troops and was ordered up to Fort George. that he marched with said regiment to Fort Edward and to various places with the Army through the Northern Campaign.. that they retreated before Burgoines army to Stillwater.. That he was in the Battle at Benington and also at the taking of General Bergoine's Army and that he remained at Stillwater and at Saratoga Lake until his time was served out vis in the spring of the year 1778 when he again immediately enlisted at Saratoga in the same County and Regiment for one year, and was ordered up the Mohawk River to John's Town-German Flats and to various places with said company and stations of the Army through that Campaign and was marched back to Saratoga from thence to Albany, where he was discharged after having served out the said year for which he had engaged the second time as aforesaid.. that he had a discharge signed by Captain White which he has lost many years ago and considered it of no use or consequence.. then he further saith that he was in the Battle at Stone Robby up the Mohawk where Col Brown was killed.. That he has no Documentary evidence and knows of no other evidence of his services that he can procure except what is hereto annexed.. that Aron Mudge who made the affidavit hereto annexed in not living.. but did make said affidavit to his former application which was xxxxxx to this the same service in the same regiment.. that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency or state. Jared Mudge

The following interrogation as perscribed by the War Department being put to the said applicant under oath and the following answers were given by him on his examination .. to wit: that he was born in the Town of Sharon in the State of Connecticut in the year 1757 that he has a record of his age at home.. that he lived at New Lebanon when called into the service and for some years after the War. that he now lives in the Town of Unadilla in Otsego County and has lived there more than thirty years xxx xxxx.. that he entered the service by enlistment.. that Cols Wills and Brown xxx Whiting Regiments were with Col Watermans up the Mohawk where he was.. that the persons in his neighborhood who have long been acquainted with him and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and xxxxx of his services are: (three unreadable names)

Jared Mudge of Otsego in the State of New York who was a Private in the Army commanded by Captain White of the Reg, commanded by Col Waterman in the N. York line for 2 year.

Inscribed on the Roll of N. York at the rate of 80 Dollars ---cents per annum to commence on the 4th day of March 1834.

Certificate of Pension issued the 1st day of Aug 1832 and xxxxxxx

Copied from Archive records July 10 1984.

Children of Jared and Ellis Mudge:

Asa
Sylvia
Lyman
Elizabeth
Joseph
Rensalear
Clara
Jared b. 9 Sept 1784

Jared Mudge b. 9 September 1784 in Breakabeen N.Y. Was a farmer, and in 1868 resided in Guilford on the Unadilla River. Married Sally Hyer who was born 21 June 1791 in Canaan N.Y.

Children of Jared and Sally Mudge:

Ellis b. 3 Oct 1810 d. 1860
Rensselaer b. 16 February 1813
Edson b. 17 Sept 1815 (Date differs)
Lucretia b. 15 April 1818
John b. 30 May 1821

Edson J. Mudge b. according to family data as opposed to the date in Mudge Memorials, 14 October 1812 in Guilford N.Y. Married Ruth Angeline Burrows, daughter of Elijah and Betsy Smith Burrows on 5 April 1838 in Guilford. Died 3 April 1874 in Guilford.

Children of Edson and Ruth Mudge:

Emeline C. Mudge b. 14 Sept 1840
Lester Dewitt Mudge b. 28 April 1845
Clark Edson Mudge b. 11 January 1851

And as we know from the first part of the story, Clark Edson Mudge married Asenath Mary Gibson and Vera Ruth Mudge, their daughter married Arthur G. Taylor.

The previous pages of Taylor family history have been a revelation into the solid American traditions of the Taylor and Mudge families. Since Jared Mudge was a Revolutionary War soldier, all of his decendents through Vera Ruth Mudge are eligible for the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Mudge records were kept in great detail by the Mudge heads of families, and the early Mudges took the entire family to the court house and recorded the family names. Alfred Mudge detailed the longevity of the male Mudges and noted that every Mudge family was educated and literate throughout the American period. Nearly every Mudge in the United States is decendent from Jarvis, and in 1868 there were over 400 Mudges recorded in the "Mudge Memorials".

This chapter ends with a family tree for Vera Ruth Mudge and the family tree for Arthur Garfied Taylor.

COMMSOFT ROOTS/M V1.04.01 PEDIGREE CHART — Chart 1

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1 Arthur Garfield Taylor
BORN 4 Jun 1880
WHERE Illinois
DIED 8 Nov 1967
WHERE Indiana
MARRIED

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 John C. Taylor
BORN 5 Sep 1843
WHERE New York
DIED 18 Nov 1909
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 1 Oct 1873

3 Eliza Lavina McManis Taylor
BORN 2 Feb 1855
WHERE Ohio
DIED 8 Mar 1942
WHERE Illinois

4 George C. Taylor
BORN 30 Jan 1817
WHERE West Indies
DIED 9 Dec 1893
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 13 Sep 1837

5 Uretta T. Bentley Taylor
BORN 12 Jan 1817
WHERE New York
DIED 8 Mar 1877
WHERE Illinois

6 Joseph McManis
BORN 1796 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED Nov 1872 (?)
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED Nov 1847

7 Ruth Mathias McManis
BORN 1825 (?)
WHERE Ohio
DIED (?)
WHERE unknown

8 George W. Taylor
BORN 10 Jul 1796
WHERE Mass
DIED 1881 (?)
WHERE
MARRIED

9 Harriet Louise Dupersoy
BORN 1790 (?)
WHERE West Indies
DIED 15 Mar 1837
WHERE New York

10 Otis Bentley
BORN 28 Oct 1794
WHERE New York
DIED 8 Apr 1894
WHERE New York
MARRIED

11 Theodosia Bentley
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

12 Charles McManis
BORN 1762 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED 1840 (?)
WHERE Ohio
MARRIED 1795 (?)

13 Eleanor Spears McManis
BORN 1769 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED 1830 (?)
WHERE Ohio

14 Joseph Mathias
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED May 1856
WHERE Ohio
MARRIED

15 Susan Mathias
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
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16 John Taylor — CONTINUED ON CHART 2

17 Hannah Taylor Coombs — CONTINUED ON CHART 3

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19 CONTINUED ON CHART

20 John Bentley — CONTINUED ON CHART 4

21 Thankful Ballou Bentley — CONTINUED ON CHART 5

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1 Vera Ruth Mudge Taylor
BORN 5 Apr 1884
WHERE Iowa
DIED 11 May 1946
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 Clark Edson Mudge
BORN 11 Jan 1851
WHERE New York
DIED 20 Jun 1903
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 1 May 1882

3 Asenath Mary Gibson Mudge
BORN 7 Sep 1862
WHERE Iowa
DIED 22 Dec 1920
WHERE Illinois

4 Edson J Mudge
BORN 14 Oct 1812
WHERE New York
DIED 3 Apr 1874
WHERE New York
MARRIED 5 Apr 1838

5 Ruth Angeline Burrows Mudge
BORN 24 Aug 1813
WHERE New York
DIED 14 Nov 1872
WHERE Illinois

6 John Gibson
BORN 10 Apr 1829 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED (?)
WHERE Iowa
MARRIED

7 Elizabeth Mary Clark Gibson
BORN 26 Jun 1832
WHERE Penn
DIED (?)
WHERE Iowa

8 Jared Mudge
BORN 9 Sep 1784
WHERE New York
DIED (?)
WHERE after 1868
MARRIED

9 Sally Hyer Mudge
BORN 21 Jun 1791
WHERE New York
DIED (?)
WHERE

10 Elijah Burrows
BORN 14 Apr 1790
WHERE New York
DIED 15 Jun 1828
WHERE New York
MARRIED 20 Sep 1812

11 Betsy Smith Burrows
BORN 29 Nov 1790
WHERE New York
DIED 31 Oct 1874
WHERE Illinois

12 Joseph Gibson
BORN (?)
WHERE Virginia
DIED 1847 (?)
WHERE Iowa
MARRIED

13 Margaret Sloan Gibson
BORN 29 Oct 1800 (?)
WHERE
DIED 25 Aug 1878 (?)
WHERE

14 David Clark
BORN 12 Oct 1788
WHERE Pa
DIED 1850 (?)
WHERE Pa
MARRIED

15 Margaret Bell Clark
BORN 1798 (?)
WHERE Pa
DIED 1870 (?)
WHERE Iowa

16 Jared Mudge — CONTINUED ON CHART 2

17 Ellis Carpenter Mudge — CONTINUED ON CHART 3

18 William Hyer — CONTINUED ON CHART 4

19 Lucretia Hyer — CONTINUED ON CHART 5

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26 Col John Sloan — CONTINUED ON CHART 6

27 Elizabeth Gibson Sloan — CONTINUED ON CHART 7

28 William Clark — CONTINUED ON CHART 8

29 Mary Clark — CONTINUED ON CHART 9

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COMMSOFT ROOTS/M V1.04.01 PEDIGREE CHART Chart 2

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No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. 16 on chart no. 1

1 Jared Mudge
BORN 1757
WHERE Conn
DIED 1833 (?)
WHERE Guilford NY
MARRIED

2 Joseph Mudge
BORN 28 May 1722
WHERE Conn
DIED (?)
WHERE
MARRIED

3 Ellis Carpenter Mudge
NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

4 Jane Jarvis Mudge
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

5 Ebenezer Mudge
BORN 26 Feb 1683
WHERE Mass
DIED 21 Apr 1758
WHERE Conn
MARRIED 13 Jan 1708

6 Abigail Skinner Mudge
BORN 17 Feb 1691
WHERE Mass
DIED (?)
WHERE Conn

7
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

8 Micah Mudge
BORN 1650
WHERE Conn
DIED Jan 1724
WHERE Conn
MARRIED 23 Sep 1670

9 Mary Alexander Mudge
BORN 20 Oct 1648
WHERE
DIED 1728 (?)
WHERE

10 Thomas Skinner
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE
MARRIED

11 Mary Skinner
BORN (?)
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16 Jarvis Mudge
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17 Rebecca Elsen Mudge
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No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. 26 on chart no. 1

1 BORN Nov 1777 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED 18 Mar 1863 (?)
WHERE Pa
MARRIED 1799 (?)

Col John Sloan

2 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE
MARRIED

Samuel Sloan

3 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

4 BORN (?)
WHERE Pa
DIED (?)
WHERE Pa
MARRIED

Mr Sloan

5 BORN
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DIED
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COMMSOFT ROOTS/M V1.04.01 PEDIGREE CHART Chart 7

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No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. 27 on chart no. 1

1 BORN Aug 1777 (?)
WHERE
DIED 22 Sep 1840 (?)
WHERE
MARRIED 1799 (?)

Elizabeth Gibson Sloan

2 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

3 BORN
WHERE
DIED
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Col John Sloan

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No. 1 on this chart is the
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on chart no. 1

William Clark

1 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED 1814 (?)
WHERE Penn
MARRIED

Mary Clark

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 BORN
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DIED
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MARRIED

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15 Apr 1986

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. 29 on chart no. 1

Mary Clark

1 BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED 1825 (?)
WHERE Penn
MARRIED

William Clark

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

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No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. 16 on chart no. 2

Jarvis Mudge

1 BORN (?)
WHERE England
DIED 1653
WHERE Conn
MARRIED 1649

Rebecca Elsen Mudge

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 BORN
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Asenath Mary Gibson Mudge 1862-1920
Vera Ruth Mudge Taylor 1884-1926

CHAPTER SIX

CLARK GIBSON TAYLOR 1908-

Clark G. Taylor was born on August 13, 1908 in an apartment located at 3240 Bouquet St. Ward 14 Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. His father, Arthur Garfield Taylor was an insurance salesman, and traveled from city to city during the first years of his marriage. Clark's mother Vera Ruth Mudge Taylor lived in Cedar Rapids Iowa, and attended Coe College prior to meeting Arthur in Zion Illinois. The family apparently lived in the Boston area for awhile, as the family photo album shows pictures of Clark in the park in Boston.

In 1917 Grandma Eliza's house burned down. Clark's dad, Arthur was on the train to Chicago, and saw that fire and managed to get off the train and back there and saw the house burn down. There was a family party or a meeting at the house the night before and Clark stayed all night at his Aunt Margaret's and Uncle John's. The next morning Clark saw the fire from John's house on Eschol and on the way to school, saw the house burning.

In Eliza Taylor's house were two portraits, one believed to be of John C. Taylor, and one was the one called Uncle George. Clark's cousin Ruth West always called it Uncle George, so that is its name today. None of the children were there at the time of the fire because they had all been put out to relatives homes due to a get together the night before. Therefore no one knows who saved the "Uncle George" portrait. It is believed that the portrait of John C. was destroyed in the fire.

Another time at Clark's grandmother's house,- that was Asenth Mary Mudge on 2712 Enon, Clark saw smoke coming out of the house, but it was coming out of the roof, not out of the chimney. He ran into the house and said "there is smoke coming out of the roof up there", and caused an immediate excitement. They had quite a time getting it out.

From 1913 to 1919 Clark lived with his family at 2712 Enoch Ave in Zion Illinois in a house owned by his grandmother, Aseneth Mary Gibson Mudge. Aseneth had a job in a lace factory in Zion. Clark was the oldest of six children and remembers his mother as always

expecting. In Zion Clark raised rabbits and later had a newspaper route on which he admits to getting lost. One day, Vera took her son along to a womens club meeting. On the way back, Clark was playing on the track and got his shoe caught in the guard rail. Since the train was due soon, one of the ladies ran down the track to flag the train. The train stopped just short and Clark and his mother got his foot loose by removing his shoe.

The photo album showed a horse named Daisy. Clark got on Daisy by standing on a concrete block, but once slipped off the block. His grandmother Aseneth saw him on the ground under Daisy and rushed out of the house screaming. However Clark was ok and there was nothing to worry about. About this time, airplanes and parachutes were the talk of small boys, so Clark tried his hand at the game. He climbed into a large aluminum kettle, and holding an umbrella, leaped off the barn. The landing was successful, since no bones were broken.

From 1919 to 1931 Clark lived at 9525 S. Sealey, Chicago. He attended Morgan Park High School took ROTC, and played the trumpet in the band. He graduated in 1925. On several occasions Clark visited his cousin David McCormack on the McCormack farm in Pontiac Illinois. One day on the farm he tried to carry three watermelons, and lost his grip on one, tried to catch it, and ended up with all three smashed.

Clark attended college for 1 year at Crane Jr College in Chicago, and the 2nd year at Dennison U. in Granville, Ohio. The family fortunes then took a bad turn, due to the depression and the family had to give up their summer home, and grand piano which Clark had played with some skill. Finally the home at Sealey Avenue was lost. Clark took a job on a Proctor and Gamble crew and gave away soap coupons and samples.

Late in 1928 Clark decided to enter the Christian Endeavor World weekly publication contest. He obtained a 1920 Buick and called on groups all around the state. He purchased a lot of Hammond clocks and gave one away for every 20 subscriptions turned in. He won the contest and the trip to Yellowstone Park and Kansas City which he took early in 1929. While in Kansas City he and a friend charted a bus and sold tickets for a sightseeing tour of the city. His tour was free, and profits were shared with his friend.

The next year, early in 1929, Clark started his selling campaign. In October a friend in the Telephone company offered him a job for $125 per month which he took while continuing to sell subscriptions. His family and especially his sister Helen helped with the selling campaign. He and Helen rolled all the columns of one issue of the publication on a pencil, and unrolled them in front of a large audience with the line, "see what you get in only one issue". He won the local area first, and then the state. Finally his talley was added and he won by only 6 or 7 subscriptions. The result was so close that the tickets for the 6 week trip to Europe were sent very late. His dad and he called all the post offices, and found the letter, and ran to the train station at the very last minute. The local church group gave Clark $200 for spending money for use on the trip.(St Pauls Union Church in Beverly, Chicago.)

He took the train to New York and then the SS Cameronia, Canard Line to Europe. (The Cameronia was later sunk in WWII). On the second day out he met Myrtle. (More on the trip later.) He returned to New York on the Coronia which also went down in WWII. Since Myrtle had returned on a different ship, Clark sent Telegrams to her from the Coronia. Clark returned to work as a correspondent, and then in 1931 moved into the Telephone company sales department. During noon hours, Clark and his friend David Wilson (son of Justice Wilson) set up a Ping Pong Emporium with seven tables across the street. Clark learned how to play very good ping pong when the customer load was light. On 13 February 1932 Clark gave Myrtle an engagement ring, and they were married on August 13, 1932.

Clark continued with the Illinois Bell Telephone Company and advanced to employee information supervisor. He was mentioned in Readers Digest one time regarding an employee that he had hired into the company. He stayed with Bell Telephone from 1929 until his retirement in 1969, and was highly respected by those for whom he worked.

Clark Gibson Taylor 1908-

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The Clark G. Taylor story continues as narrated by Myrtle Brittain Taylor.

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I was born April 14, 1909 at 107 Walnut Avenue, Revere, Mass. The night before, my mother and father took a long walk on the beach, which is why I love the ocean and salt air so much.

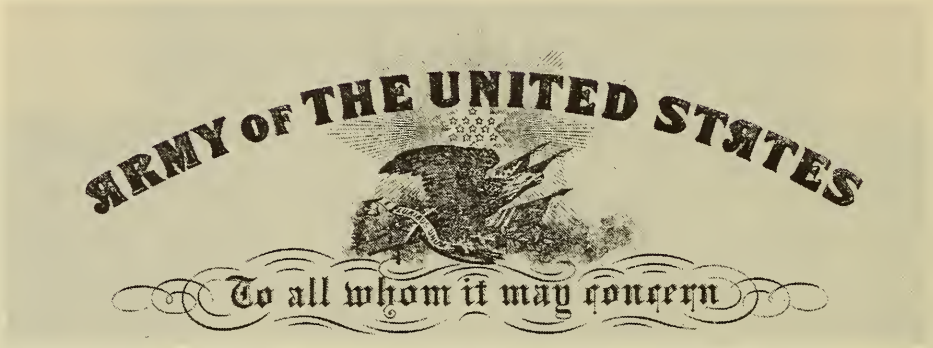
My father, Robin Duncan Brittain, was born May 28, 1876 at Ramsgate, England. He lived there his first years until his father died. He was baptised there in the 900 year old St. Lawrence Church.

St Lawrence Church, Ramsgate England
Photo by David B. Taylor

When the immigrants were allowed to come to the United States, my grandmother came with five of her daughters and my father, Robin (age 10). Brother Alfred stayed in England and brother Edward (Uncle Ted) went to Auckland, New Zealand.

My mother, Amy Elizabeth Holding was born at Dawley Bank, Shrewsbury, County of Shropshire, England on February 21, 1878. Amy's father, John Holding, was a baker, and Amy's mother, Elizabeth sold the baked goods in their shop. They migrated to Boston, and that is where Amy met Robin.

In 1898 Robin earned his citizenship papers by volunteering and serving in the Spanish American War. The following is an exact transcription of his war record:



Know Ye, that Robin D. Brittain a Private of C Battery of the Seventh Regiment of Artillery who was enlisted on the Twenty seventh day of April one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight to serve three years is hereby Honorably Discharged from the Army of the United States by reason of Special Order #78 Headquarters Army A.C.O. Washington DC April 4th 1899. The said Private Robin D. Brittain was born in Ramsgate in the State of England and when enlisted was 21 4/12 years of age, five feet eight inches high, fair complexion, brown eyes, Lt brown hair and by occupation a printer. Given under my hand at Santurce PR this Seventeenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nintynine. Signed F E Johnston, 2nd Lient 7th Arty, Commanding.

Robin Brittain with C Company, P.R.
Robin is standing nearest the horse

Robin also received two character references:

Santurce P.R. April 17 1899: Robin D. Brittain discharged from Light Battery C 7th Artillary as a war recruit, has served faithfully and well in Puerto Rico during the Spanish American War. For character and ability I can recommend him highly. F. E. Johnston Cmd

Santurce P.R. April 21st 1899: This is to certify that I have known Private Robin Brittain, Light-Battery C 7th Arty since July 13th 1898, during which time I have always found him a willing and ready man, who has the entire confidence of his officers. And I feel confident that he will fill any position he takes with full satisfaction to his employer. P.W. Arnold 2nd Lt 5th Caval.

On the 24th of April 1899 Robin was paid $89.19 in full for his service in the war.

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Robin continued to receive recommendations from his employers, the next from C. H. Simonds & C. Printers, Boston, Mass. August 24, 1901: "To whom it may concern: This is to certify that the bearer, Robert D. Brittain, has been in our employ for a number of years. We have found him a good pressman, and a careful and conscientious workman, and a man that can be relied on. We would gladly recommend him to anyone who may have need of his services."
(I wonder if Robin was concerned that after all those years his employer thought his name was Robert?)

On October 26, 1901 Robin married Amy Holding at St. Paul's Cathedral in Boston. Then finally on the 22nd of January in 1906 Robin gave his oath and received citizenship in the United States.

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Robin Duncan Brittain 1876-1919

Myrtle Taylor now continues with her story:

My father had owned four houses which he picked up at low prices and improved (with everyone in the family pitching in), in his spare time. He was a printer by trade and he worked on the Modern Priscilla magazine. He had special ability and was a foreman there. He also worked on the Saturday Evening Post at one time in Chicago making the color covers for that magazine as a lithographer. Anyone in trouble found that he could go to my father for help. When I was eight years old my father became ill, and he died two years later on 12 September 1919 of pernicious anemia. On his gravestone is carved "he lived for others".

During my high school years I worked in a Woolworth 10 cent store and summers at Revere Beach cashiering at a ride called the Caterpillar. The pay was $15 for a sixty hour week. On September 11, 1927 - about the time Lindbergh flew across the ocean, my mother at age 49 died of pneumonia.

Amy Elizabeth Holding Brittain 1878-1927

After our mother died, Gladys and Walter mortgaged the four houses in our inheritance so that I could have my share of the money. With that, I could finish at Boston University (Class of 1930). I attended Boston University and studied English and French. During my junior and senior years I was a waitress in Glouster Mass, a job I shared with four friends, Ann Wolf, Ina, Dot Anderson, and my cousin Mildred.

Then upon urging of my cousin, Minnie Taylor, I went on a trip to Europe on the Cunard ship S.S. Cameronia to join a World Christian Endeavor Convention in Berlin. The trip started from New York July 10, 1930, and on the second day out I met a young man - Clark Taylor - playing deck tennis. He soon showed up everywhere I was, including saving places at the meal tables. Clark even changed from his Midwestern group to the Eastern so we could be at the same hotels. Our group of about 500 Americans visited England, Scotland, France, Switzerland and Germany. I returned to New York on the S.S. Berengaria for a fast five day trip, but that was one switch Clark couldn't arrange, and he returned on the slower S.S. Caronia.

Back home, my brother Walter wanted to know if I had met anyone, since there were 4 or 5 numbered letters waiting for me. My brother Walter and his wife Florence lived in Melrose Highlands, Mass. I read in the paper about Jane Adams and her work at Hull House in Chicago. A letter to Northwestern University at Evanston Illinois resulted in a telegram from Miss Neva L. Boyd, head of the Social Work Program, saying to come at once. There was an opening at "Fellowship House" near the stock yards on Chicago's South Side where I could work for room and board while doing post graduate studies at NWU. Clark met me at the station. Sister Gladys "knew" I would be shot by one of those Chicago gangsters as soon as I arrived, but that didn't deter me. To my delight I found that Clark's home in the Beverly Hills area was only eight or ten miles by street car from Fellowship House. Saturday evenings Clark would eat with our settlement family, while on Sundays I ate with his family in Beverly. My evenings were spent working with the Settlement children, and Clark was taking evening courses at the Chicago Central College of commerce.

At the end of the first year I was offered a job at the "Red White and Blue Club", located in a former saloon, organizing recreation programs for the mothers and children of the densely populated and crime infested North West side of Chicago. My $1800 annual salary was very good in that Depression year! I was able to stay on one more year at Fellowship House with my dear friend, Burneice Hieb while enjoying my work at the Red, White and Blue Club, where I organized a library, started clubs for the teenage girls, taught sewing and conducted handwork and story hours.

Clark phoned me every day and we saw each other weekends. Valentine's Day 1932 he presented me with a large heart shaped box of candy, in which was hidden a beautiful diamond ring for our engagement. I wore it weekends but never in the crime areas where I worked. I was protected and respected, however, as I worked with the mothers and daughters.

We were married on 13 August 1932 in St Anns Church, Revere Mass. My brother Walter gave me away, sister Gladys was Matron of Honor; cousin Mildred Taylor was a bridesmaid and also my dear friend Dot Cyr Anderson. Clark's cousin Rev Richard McCarroll was Best Man. Dolly Chapman was flower girl, Sam Chapman and cousin Melvin Ireland were ushers. We spent our

honeymoon at Ocean Park, Maine and there met Jim Cruickshank and Margaret Boston on a little sailing trip. We went back to Chicago via the Great Lakes. Clark returned to his work at the Telephone Company and I went to work at the Red White and Blue Club.

Myrtle Beryl Brittain Taylor 1909-

We found a little apartment by a park at 4652 Milwaukee Avenue where we lived for a year. I worked at the Settlement until I lost my job. Then I worked in an Unemployment Relief Office as a social worker deciding who needed clothes, or coal, or whatever. There was a large case load, and many homes to visit on the Northwest side of Chicago. By May of 1933 I was pregnant, and by summer's end we moved to 9213 S. Laflin Street, about a mile from Clark's family. Clark Edson Taylor was born 5 February 1934, and we started to think about living "in a little house out in the country".

Clark's sister Ruth was thinking of college and wanted to see North Central College in Naperville. We offered to drive her there, and we liked the town of 5000 about 30 miles Southwest of Chicago. Clark could commute to work on the C B & Q. We rented a house at 212 Columbia St., and Ruth lived with us for her first

year of college. In 1936 we moved to a tiny house at 1315 N. Main St. at the end of the town water line. With rusty water and cows trampling the garden, we said "who needs it?".One night I fired up the family car in a terrible storm (I didn't know how to drive) and leaving Clark E. drove to the railroad station to get Clark. When we returned, we found the garage had blown over, but baby Clark was safe in the house.

Our next address was 9 N. Sleight street where we paid $20 a month. By this time Clark's folks Arthur and Vera Taylor had moved to town, just a few blocks away. Clark's sister Dorothy got a job as a kindergarten teacher in Naperville. David Brittain Taylor was born on 3 February 1937.

David B. Taylor 1941
The House on the Hill

Five years later, in 1941, we bought our first home at 830 E. School St., where Amy Kathleen was born on 18 October 1941. The large brick house on the hill was our home for 24 years, where our boys grew into young manhood. Clark E. went to Depauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, while David found his way to Grinnell College in Iowa. During those years we had many foreign students in our home. Through the American Field Service, we had Sibylle Schneider with

us for a school year. She was Amy's age and truly our beloved daughter. Amy enjoyed the year with Sibylle, then she went off to Wooster College in Ohio. We had one Chinese girl from Hong Kong Mary Beth Kwong with us for a year until she married Frank Wong. We also sponsored a German girl from Berlin, Monika Wulfers for a year. Many others dropped in on Friday evenings and enriched our lives. George Liu and his lovely wife, Shirley, are like family to us now.

Clark was Sunday School superintendent for twelve years at Grace Church and I supervised the Kindergarten there for 18 years. I also had a Brownie Troop and Cub Scouts. Clark served on the board of the Naperville Y.M.C.A. for 25 years plus being its president for two or three years.

In 1963 we bought a little Cape Cod house on Oyster Pond Furlong in Chatham, Mass. Clark had developed glaucom -as had his father- so we were thinking ahead to Clark"s retirement which he took in May 1969. Finally, in 1970 we moved permanently to the Cape, where we joined the Congregational Church and became part of lovely Chatham. Our first year we drove to California to visit Dave and Donna stationed there. In 1975 we took a six week trip to England and Scotland. it was a freewheeling unescorted tour by foot, bus and train, and touched some of my family roots. Then came a deluxe tour through the islands of Hawaii in 1977, followed two years later by a six week visit and tour of Australia and New Zealand, this time using Dave's Embassy assignment in Canberra as the excuse, and a visit to Dave's family. Winters we have been going to Indian Shores, Florida for two or three months to escape the cold winds and fog that blow in over the ocean. However we are always happy to return to our home and friends in Chatham, and "our Oyster" here by the sea.

We celebrated our fiftieth anniversary 13 August 1982. Our three children and their mates gave us two lovely parties. The first was a garden party at Clark and Kay's home in Needham, and a reception during the Coffee Hour a week later at our Church in Chatham. Relatives, foreign students and friends gathered from many States plus Germany. Debbie and Steve Ball came from Australia to help celebrate our 50th and Dave and Donna's 25th.

As luck would have it, I fell and broke my hip 4 March 1980. I had to stop skipping rope entirely!. Life is still special together and we love our family and our friends, and cherish our moments together. We thank the Good Lord for a lifetime of loving and sharing!

We are happy to say that we have three wonderful children, and also three wonderful in-law children plus eight grandchildren, one in-law grandson in Australia, with our two lovely great-grandchildren. Ours is a very interesting tribe with what we hope and already observe, are making contributions to our troubled world.

Myrtle Beryl Brittain Taylor

Lovingly recorded by David B. Taylor May 1984, Cape Cod Mass. and edited for publication in March 1986.

Clark and Myrtle Taylor

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Our story now turns to the ancestors of Myrtle Brittain. As narrated above, Robin Brittain died when Myrtle was only 10 years old, so the family stories are much harder to reconstruct. The author was fortunate to have an understanding Uncle, Walter Brittain, who shared some of the family stories and pictures as he was the oldest of Robin's children. In 1985, the author was fortunate to be in London on business, and with one day to spare, spent some time in the family town of Ramsgate. In addition the London birth and death records were searched for available information.

Records in London can be obtained for a fee of 5 pounds per record. Start at the General Register Office, St Catherines House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP England for birth and marriage records from 1837. The death records are in a building across the street! For copies of Wills since 1858, go to The Principal Probate Registry, Somerset House, The Strand, London WC2R 1LP England. You may search census records in a building about 5 minutes away by a fast walk. Watch out for cars coming from the wrong direction!

John Brittain is the earliest known ancestor, and his name appears on the marriage certificate of Alfred Duncan Brittain, and Sarah Ann Emery Brittain. John Brittain was deceased in 1866, and had his profession listed as shipwright. In a letter from Bill Ireland dated 27 July 1984, Bill states: "My records of the Brittain family are all from memory and hearsay in conversation with my late Aunt Isabel Gorell. She said her grandfather was French and worked in Scotland for France. He never returned to France and moved to London as a British subject. He called his London home "Brittains Entry". He arranged a job for Isabel as governess to some official in London and when the official took a position in Canada, Isabel went along. She later came to the U.S. and arranged for most of the family to come over. They lived in Charlestown, Mass and at one time in Everett."

As of publication, the birth, marriage and death records of John Brittain have not been uncovered. We also do not know the name of his wife.

Alfred Duncan Brittain was born per family history on 3 May 1840, possibly in London or Scotland. At the time of his marriage he lived in Ramsgate England, and was a sailor by trade. On 5 June 1866, he married Sarah Ann Emery, spinster, of Ramsgate. Her father James Emery, Labourer, was also deceased at the time of the marriage. They were married in the Bethel Chapel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Wesleyan Denomination, by Thomas Chope, Weslayan Minister.

Sarah Ann Emery was born the 27th of November 1843 at Ramsgate. Her father was James Emery, Labourer, and her mother Sarah Emery, formerly Bishop, lived at 4 Flint Row, Ramsgate.

The marriage of James and Sarah Emery was solemnized at St Georges Church, Ramsgate on August 8 1841. James Emery, age 20 and Green grocer by profession was the son of William Emery, rope maker. Sarah Bishop of full age, spinster, of Ramsgate was the daughter of William Bishop, a blacksmith. They were married in the church of St. George, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Established Church after banns, by R.C. Harvey in the presence of James Bishop and Caroline Bishop.

Two other children of James and Sarah did not survive. William James Emery died at 16 months of age on 15 January 1844 of water on the brain. George Edward Emery died at 16 months of age on the 20th of September 1857 of water on the brain. At this time in 1857, James Emery is listed as a painter's labourer with their residence at 47 Hardres Street, Ramsgate.

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Returning now to Alfred Duncan Brittain and Sarah Anne Emery Brittain: Their children were:

Alfred John b. June 1867
Isabel Jane Brittain Gorell b. 1868
Emma Ellen Brittain Taylor b. 9 August 1969
Charlotte Frances Brittain Alexandar 22 Oct 1870
David George Brittain b. Nov 1871
Edward James Brittain b. 5 Oct 1873
Robin Duncan Brittain b. 28 May 1876
David Tate Brittain b. 30 April 1878
Minnie Alice Brittain b. 1879
Agnes M. Brittain Ireland b. 1881
Margaret Brittain Hardy b. 1884

Alfred Duncan Brittain 1840-1887

Alfred Brittain was working on a steamer as first mate at Whitechapel England when he took a stroke, was taken to the Whitechapel hospital, where he died on 21 January 1887. A memorial card states: In Memory of Alfred Duncan Brittain, January 21st 1887 aged 47 years interred in Manor Park Cemetery, Little Ilford, Essex, Grave 582 Square 156.

In 1985 the author made a search of the two Manor Park Cemeteries in London, neither of which have a record of the burial of Alfred Brittain. Manor Park, Square 156 was a paupers site which gets reused every 20-30 years, and Manor Park (City) has no graves at all on square 156. The cemetery custodians were most helpful and made a thorough search of all available books and records.

Sarah Anne Emery Brittain 1843-1906

After the death of Alfred, Sarah Anne Brittain took her children on the S.S. Samaria from Liverpool, England and arrived at the port of Boston on 16 September 1889. the ship record reads:

Brittain, Sarah A. Age 45, Occupation: Laundry Bodily condition: Good. Children:

Emma	20	
Lottie	19	(Charlotte)
Robin	**11**	
Minnie	10	
Maria	8	(Agnes)
Maggie	4	(Margaret)

Note: Alfred stayed in England. Edward (Ted) went to New Zealand where he worked as a registered sanitary plumber at 341 Dominion Road, Auckland N.Z. Isabel landed in Canada with the British "Official". No record of David George and David Tate.

Sarah Anne Brittain died in Roxbury, Mass, 1 April 1906 at the age of 62 years, 4 months and 5 days.

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1919
Robin Duncan Brittain with Sisters Left to Right
Isabel Gorell, Margaret Hardy, Lottie Alexander
Agnes Ireland, Emma Taylor

We now turn to the history of the Holding family as it leads to Amy Elizabeth Holding, wife of Robin Duncan Brittain.

John Holding, b.1821 died 17 February 1881 was a grocer. His will reads as follows:

> This is the last will and testament of me John Holding of Lee Brockhurst in the county of Salop, Provision Dealer. I give and bequeath to my wife Mary Holding all my goods housefold furniture stock in trade and all by personal effects whatsoever that I now possess or may possess or be entitled to at my decease for her own and sole use benefit and disposal absolutely and I hereby nominate and appoint my aforesaid Wife Mary Holding and my son in law William Flowers Inkeeper of Wem in the County of Salop joint Executors of this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have set my hand this 19th day of January 1881 day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand eight hundred and eighty one.

A following note states: The testator John Holding was late of Lee Brockhurst in the County of Salop Provision Dealer and died on the 17th day of February 1881 at Lee Brockhurst aforesaid. Value of estate, under L100.

On the day that the above will was found in London, the author was staying in a London Hotel for which the daily tab was L120. Granted there is a large time difference, but the fact that one night in a hotel was equivalent to more than a lifetime of saving was a sobering note.

John Holding and his wife Mary were the parents of John Holding born 19 March 1853 in Salop England. This John Holding married Elizabeth Wylde on 20 October 1874. Elizabeth Wylde the daughter of Joshua Wylde was born 23 September 1844, and died in Massachusetts on 13 February 1911. John died 30 April 1912 also in Massachusetts. There children were:

John Henry Holding b. 28 Aug 1876, Dawley Bank
Amy Elizabeth Holding b. 21 Feb 1878, Dawley Bank
Frederick William Holding b. 21 June 1879,Dawley B
Etheldreda Lucy Holding b. 13 Nov 1880 Ironbridge
George Percy Holding b. 2 Mar 1882 Ironbridge

Francis Joshua Holding b. 7 Feb 1884, Boston

With the above background on the Holding family, we will now reprint a newsy but somewhat confusing letter on the history of the Holding family.

Letter presumable written by John Harry Holding undated

Tone of letter implies that it is addressed to Myrtle Brittain, niece of John Harry Holding.

You speak of your mothers name as Wilde & of course you mean your grgndmother. My mother told me that her mother died when she was very young & that she did not remember her on that account. My mother always spoke very kindly of her father to us all & she thought the world of him & I have her picture of him which she took so much care of in her lifetime. Your Great Grand fathers name was Joshua Wylde & I believe he died in 1879 & I don't know where he is buried. I dont know what was your great Grand Mothers christian name or her maiden name or where she is buried. The best guess I can make is Herefordshire as that is where that part of the family came from. Your Grandmothers name was Elizabeth Wylde. I have told you the story as I heard it from my mother herself but there are other members of my mothers family you will want to know something about. Besides your Grandmother there was 2 sisters & 1 brother that is Grand Aunt Phobe and Grand Aunt Martha & Grand Uncle John Wylde. Uncle Johns home is in Sivindon Wiltshire Eng also I believe Aunt Martha (Halford) home is there too and of course all our cousins are there too. I believe Aunt Phoebe lives with relations at Smethwick near Burmingham Eng. Aunt Phobe & her husband (Edwards) used to live at Abergavenny Monmouthshire when we were children. I feel pretty sure that all my aunts and uncle have passed away. You have heard your mother speak of cousin (Maggie Halford) who lives in London (Maggie) Kilby & her husband Reginald Kilby at 7 Delarmere Crescent Paddington W.2. England. This is the only address I have on ---- -----.The Holding family as far back as I can trace has its home in Shropshire. and they are all over that country. Some are living in Wellington some in Wern some in Little Drayton. My great Grand mother that is my fathers mothers mother is buried in Myddle Churchyard in Shropshire. I've been there and saw the tombstone. There were some relatives of the family living at Harmer Hill near Shrewsburg. My great grand father

Daniel Holding & he goes as far back as I can trace lived at Ellesmore in the early part of the 19th cent. He was the father to 3 sons & my grand father was one of them John Holding & he married Mary Hughes & its her mother who is buried in Myddle Churchyard. My grandfather John Holding is buried in Parish church yard in Lee Brockhurst 4 miles from Wern & you can see his tombstone from the road as you pass by. Born in 1821 died 1881.Father was born in this village across the road from the church. Born 1853 died 1912. This village is very old & it was mentioned by William the Conqueror in Doomsday book AD 1066.

My grand fathers 2 bros were alive when we were over there & I saw both of them & I also saw my grandmother that is my fathers own mother & she died aged 76 at the end of the 19th cent. & I think she is buried at Little Drayton.Your mother & myself & Fred were all born at Dawley Bank Shropshire Eng. Lucy and George Percy were born at Ironbridge & Frank was born in Boston Mass. Dawley Bank & Iron Bridge are in the same county & not far apart. Its near the black country that is it corresponds to Pittsburgh Penn with its iron foundries & blast furnaces & coal mines. I have all the dates of all our family if you want them. All this I have written is about our mothers side of the family. Our mother & father were married in High Ercall Parish church Oct 20 1874 Shropshire Eng & my father told me that they rang the chimes in the belfry for the wedding. My mother was a cook in a private family before she married & earned her living that way & my father was a farmer in Shropshire and when he came to America he became a shoe maker & worked making athletic shoes in a factory in Boston & then he started a shop of his own (Norman Shop High Street Boston, Fort Hill Square)

The original manuscript was obtained from my mother, in May 1984.
Copied more or less as written 2 June 1984 David B. Taylor

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The decendents of Robin Duncan Brittain 1876-1919 and Amy Elizabeth Holding Brittain are detailed below:

I Walter Robin Brittain b. 16 Feb 1903 d. 27 Dec 1978
m. Florence Augusta Nuell

II Emily Ruth Brittain b. 16 Aug 1924
m. Jim Zegeer
III John David Zegeer b. 17 July 1959
III Florence Ann Zegeer b. 11 Jan 1961
III William Robert Zegeer b. 11 Oct 1962

II Dorothy Amy Brittain Clark b. 19 Aug 1925-
m. Lloyd Stanley Clark
III Dale Emily Clark Gregory b. 10 Apr 1948
m. Leonard Michael Gregory
IV Laurel Ann Gregory b. 14 Apr 1970
IV Anthony Michael Gregory b. 22 Feb 1973
IV Kate Elizabeth Gregory b. 26 Apr 1977
III Walter Stanley Clark b. 11 Aug 1951

II Robin Duncan Brittain b. 27 Sep 1927
m. Patricia Ann MacEachron
III Robin Duncan Brittain Jr 1952-1971
III Kathryn Dianne Brittain b. 30 Nov 1954
m. Michael David Gianunzio
IV Steven Michael Gianunzio b. 23 Aug 1980
III Margaret Ellen Brittain b. 30 May 1956
m. Mir Abid Ali
IV Fatima Brittain Ali b. 15 Jul 1981

II Barbara Alice Brittain 8 Mar 1932-
m. George A. Costa
Priya Ann Costa* b. 17 Aug 1975
Krishna Costa* b. 10 Dec 1975

I Gladys Amy Brittain 1905-1984
m. Samuel Joseph Chapman
II Myrtle Catherine Chapman
II Samuel Joseph Chapman Jr b. 6 Oct 1922
m. Bertha A. Chapman
m. Brenda D. McLeod
III Samuel Joseph Chapman III b.19 Mar 1943
III Stephen B. Chapman b. 4 Sep 1944
III Timithy J. Chapman b. 12 May 1953

II Edith "Dolly" Gladys Chapman b. 29 Apr 1927
m. Lyndsay Joseph Schell Jr
III Lyndsay J. Schell III b. 9 Sep 1946
III Lynda Joyce Schell b. 9 Jun 1948
III Earl Lyndsay Schell b. 26 Jan 1950
III Ronald Bruce Schell b. 28 Dec 1950
III David Allen Schell b. 1 Jan 1952
III Amy Jean Schell b. 9 May 1953
III Eugene George Schell b. 12 Mar 1957
III Robin Dee Schell b. 13 Dec 1959

I Myrtle Beryl Brittain b. 14 Apr 1909-
m. Clark G. Taylor

Note: The Children and decendents of Clark and Myrtle are detailed in Chapter Four as decendents of John C. Taylor.

Golden Anniversary
David,Amy,Myrtle,Clark G.,Clark E. Taylor

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15 Apr 1986

Chart 1

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as no. on chart no.

1 BORN 20 Aug 1908
WHERE Penn
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

Clark Gibson Taylor

2 BORN 4 Jun 1880
WHERE Illinois
DIED 8 Nov 1967
WHERE Indiana
MARRIED 11 Jun 1907

Arthur Garfield Taylor

3 BORN 5 Apr 1884
WHERE Iowa
DIED 11 May 1946
WHERE Illinois

Vera Ruth Mudge Taylor

4 BORN 5 Sep 1843
WHERE New York
DIED 18 Nov 1909
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 1 Oct 1873

John C. Taylor

5 BORN 2 Feb 1855
WHERE Ohio
DIED 8 Mar 1942
WHERE Illinois

Eliza Lavina McManis Taylor

6 BORN 11 Jan 1851
WHERE New York
DIED 20 Jun 1903
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 1 May 1882

Clark Edson Mudge

7 BORN 7 Sep 1862
WHERE Iowa
DIED 22 Dec 1920
WHERE Illinois

Asenath Mary Gibson Mudge

8 BORN 30 Jan 1817
WHERE West Indies
DIED 9 Dec 1893
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 13 Sep 1837

George C. Taylor

9 BORN 12 Jan 1817
WHERE New York
DIED 8 Mar 1877
WHERE Illinois

Uretta T. Bentley Taylor

10 BORN 1796 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED Nov 1872 (?)
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED Nov 1847

Joseph McManis

11 BORN 1825 (?)
WHERE Ohio
DIED (?)
WHERE unknown

Ruth Mathias McManis

12 BORN 14 Oct 1812
WHERE New York
DIED 3 Apr 1874
WHERE New York
MARRIED 5 Apr 1838

Edson J Mudge

13 BORN 24 Aug 1813
WHERE New York
DIED 14 Nov 1872
WHERE Illinois

Ruth Angeline Burrows Mudge

14 BORN 10 Apr 1829 (?)
WHERE Penn
DIED (?)
WHERE Iowa
MARRIED

John Gibson

15 BORN 26 Jun 1832
WHERE Penn
DIED (?)
WHERE Iowa

Elizabeth Mary Clark Gibson

16 CONTINUED ON CHART 2

George W. Taylor

17 CONTINUED ON CHART 3

Harriet Louise Dupersoy

18 CONTINUED ON CHART 4

Otis Bentley

19 CONTINUED ON CHART 5

Theodosia Bentley

20 CONTINUED ON CHART 6

Charles McManis

21 CONTINUED ON CHART 7

Eleanor Spears McManis

22 CONTINUED ON CHART 8

Joseph Mathias

23 CONTINUED ON CHART 9

Susan Mathias

24 CONTINUED ON CHART 10

Jared Mudge

25 CONTINUED ON CHART 11

Sally Hyer Mudge

26 CONTINUED ON CHART 12

Elijah Burrows

27 CONTINUED ON CHART 13

Betsy Smith Burrows

28 CONTINUED ON CHART 14

Joseph Gibson

29 CONTINUED ON CHART 15

Margaret Sloan Gibson

30 CONTINUED ON CHART 16

David Clark

31 CONTINUED ON CHART 17

Margaret Bell Clark

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

COMMSOFT ROOTS/M V1.04.01 PEDIGREE CHART Chart 1
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1 Myrtle Beryl Brittain Taylor
BORN 14 Apr 1909
WHERE Mass
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

2 Robin Duncan Brittain
BORN 28 May 1876
WHERE England
DIED 11 Sep 1919
WHERE Mass
MARRIED 26 Oct 1901

3 Amy Elizabeth Holding Brittain
BORN 21 Feb 1878
WHERE Shropshire Eng
DIED 11 Sep 1927
WHERE Mass

4 Alfred Duncan Brittain
BORN 3 May 1840 (?)
WHERE Scotland?
DIED 21 Jan 1887
WHERE Middlesex G.B.
MARRIED 5 Jun 1866

5 Sarah Anne Emery Brittain
BORN 27 Nov 1843
WHERE England
DIED 1 Apr 1906
WHERE Mass

6 John Holding
BORN 19 Mar 1853
WHERE Salop England
DIED 30 Apr 1912
WHERE Mass
MARRIED 20 Oct 1874

7 Elizabeth Wylde
BORN 23 Sep 1844
WHERE England
DIED 13 Feb 1911
WHERE Mass

8 John Brittain
BORN (?)
WHERE Scotland?
DIED (?)
WHERE Before 1866
MARRIED

9
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

10 James Emery
BORN 1821 (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE 1857-1866
MARRIED 8 Aug 1841

11 Sarah Bishop Emery
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE

12 John Holding
BORN 1820 (?)
WHERE England
DIED 17 Feb 1881
WHERE Salop England
MARRIED

13 Mary Hughes
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED (?)
WHERE England

14 Joshua Wylde
BORN (?)
WHERE
DIED 1879 (?)
WHERE England
MARRIED

15
BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

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William Emery
20 CONTINUED ON CHART 2
21 CONTINUED ON CHART
William Bishop
22 CONTINUED ON CHART 3
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Daniel Holding
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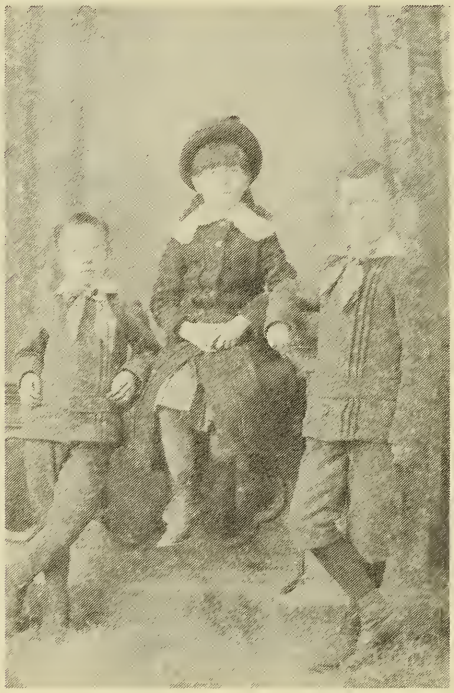
Elizabeth Holding - John Holding
1844-1911 1853-1912



Amy Elizabeth Holding 1878-1927
Brothers Harry and Fred

CHAPTER SEVEN

DAVID BRITTAIN TAYLOR 1937-

David B. Taylor was born on 3 February 1937 after a wild ride to the Chicago Hospital from the family home in Naperville. His father, Clark G. Taylor convinced the policeman who stopped him for running a red light that it was indeed a real emergency.

David spent the first four years of his life at 9 North Sleight Street, Naperville. In the rented home were his mother Myrtle Taylor his father, Clark G. Taylor, and his elder brother, Clark E. Taylor. At age four, David and his family moved to 830 E. School Street in Naperville. The red brick house sat at the corner of a high hill, known to the neighborhood as Indian Hill. This was a great location for sledding and skiing in the winter. On October 18, 1941, his sister Amy Kathleen was born.

David's mother carefully recorded his activities from birth through high school in a little notebook entitled, 'All about David.' Measles were overcome in 1941, followed by chicken pox in 1943. The mumps entry for 1944 has special memories, since every one thought David had the mumps for two weeks, but he REALLY had them the next two weeks. Those four weeks were used for reading and making puzzles, pastimes still enjoyed today.

David was active and inquisitive, a trait that caused a series of broken bones. "Run over by a bike" was the first, in 1939, for a broken collar bone. "Fell out of a tree" was the entry for July 1941, just after moving into the house on the hill which was good for a broken right arm. One year later in July David fell off a bag swing and broke the left arm. Three months later he fell out of another tree onto a pile of rocks. This resulted in the left arm, again, and some toes in the right foot. In 1949 he tried his hand at pony riding, and forgot to hold the reins at the end of the day as he turned for the barn. A broken right arm was the lesson for the day. Finally in 1952 at a boy scout camp, he volunteered to move a railroad tie and dropped it on his big toe. Later in life, the Air Force would carefully check for damage, but everything healed up ok.

The "All about David" record notes progress through the elementary grades. In first grade, 1943 David weighed in at 58 pounds and was 50 inches in height. The highlight of first grade was David as Peter Rabbit in a class play.

In Second grade, David started the first of many years of piano lessons from Mrs Krug. Lessons in those days cost 75 cents for 45 minutes! Mrs Krug held piano recitals each year, which were somewhat terrifing experiences for the young piano player! During these early years David also mowed lawns (four hours for 50 cents), read many books, and tried his hand at poetry.

A nose, I suppose, is as long as it grows
And thats why the elephants'
Touches his toes.

He jumped so high
He touched the sky
And never came back
Till Fourth of July.

There were many fond memories of the family vacations which were taken each year. In 1945 it was a trip to South Haven, Michigan. In 1946 the family traveled to Michigan to see Uncle Art, passed through Rochester for a visit to Aunt Gladys, then on to Whitman Mass to visit Uncle Walter and Aunt Florence Brittain. The whole group then traveled to Meredith N.H. where David learned to row a boat.

David was active in the cub scouts at age ten. His mother was den mother for a year. The scouting experience continued for many more years, until David received his Eagle Scout badge. He was active in his church and also earned the God and Country award. The scouting activities, campouts and friends formed an important part of David's growing up experiences.

Work was part of the early training. David started a paper route in September 1947. The route was about 5 miles long, with fifty papers for which David was paid 1 cent per paper to deliver. This job lasted through 9th grade in high school. Then he started as a stock and general cleenup person for Mr Clarence Knoche at the local Ben Franklin Store. While working there he asked for permission to ask Clarences' daughter Donna for a date. That was the start of a long and happy romance.

In 1948 David's family vacation took them back to Whitman Mass for another visit with Walter and Florence Brittain. This time Walter took the family to Cape Cod where he had built a cabin on a newly developed section of the Cape. The cabin was named the Bee's Hive and became the location for many years of enjoyable visits to Cape Cod. Deep sea fising trips, family fun on the beach, and walks around the wilds of Cape Cod were long remembered experiences. Today the Cape has grown to the point where that lonely cabin in the woods is part of a large community, complete with streets and large homes. In recognition for his early settlement, there is a street called Brittain Avenue, in honor of Walter who helped everyone who needed it and was a friend to all.

At the turn of the century, in 1950, David learned the Flight of the Bumble Bee and played it at the usual yearly recital. The Korean War started in June, but was not felt too much in the Taylor family. The family vacation went that year to Yellowstone Park, past Deadwood So Dakota for a visit to Hugh McCarroll, then on to Bellingham Minn for a weeks stay with Ruth and Wes Miller in a cabin on the lake.

Four Generations of Taylor Men 1960
Arthur Garfield, Clark Gibson, Clark Edson,
David Brittain, Jeffrey Clark, David Jr.

In "All About David" his mother notes that during February 1951, the temperature on the paper route was

below zero for many days in a row. It may be that the cold was the motivation, but the paper route was given up that spring. The family vacation that year was to Washington DC for a visit to cousin Emily Brittain. From Washington DC the family then traveled back to Cape Cod for two more weeks of sun and sand at the Bee's Hive.

In the fall of 1951, David started high school, by going out for football. He practiced at the game during his freshman, junior and senior years, but notes that four plays during the last game of his senior year was not much to brag about. More noteworthy was his first date with Donna Knoche, at a roller skating party with the Church group. Donna fell asleep on his shoulder on the way home! At the spring freshman dance David caused a stir with the teachers by bringing Donna to the dance. She was in seventh grade at the time. No mention of Donna is made in "All About David" during that year, as Dave's mother did not want to add anything to the book that might not be permanent.

In 1952 David was recovering from the broken toe noted previously, and took a job running the Merry Go Round at a Kiddie Land about three miles outside of Naperville. Each day David rode his bike there and back. The pay was $15.00 per week. That summer, David spent with the Explorer Scouts on a camping trip to New Mexico. 15 Days of hiking over the mountains and camping, cutting wood, and singing songs around the camp fire was quite an experience. On returning home, Donna brought over a cherry pie she had baked for the occasion.

David continued to work at the Ben Franklin for Clarence Knoche during his sophmore year. The Christmas bonus that year went for a Cashmir sweater for Donna. In March, David was awarded his Eagle Scout badge.

Naperville Community High School was an excellent place for pre-college training, and stressed the kind of schooling required for college. David concentrated in physics, math and science, and did well in the various English courses. He was awarded membership in the National Honor Society in his junior year. David however, remembers the Junior/Senior prom as the event of the year, since Donna Knoche agreed to go with him.

Donna Knoche 1954

Dave continued at the Ben Franklin until vacation time in the summer of 1954. He then joined his explorer scout friends on a canoe trip into Canada where they spent 15 days on a portage trip to Moose Lake out of Ely Minn. School time again, and Dave's senior year was spent in preparation for college. He took Donna Knoche to the Senior prom and graduated fourth in his class. Dave remembers high school as a period of preparation, long hard hours of study, and a wonderful time of sharing with Donna.

College started in the fall of 1955 at Grinnell College, Grinnell Iowa. Dave had received a half tuition scholarship from the Younker grant which made it possible for him to attend. The first year was successful, but uneventful. The summer of 1956 was spent in heavy labor on the B & M Construction Co. The task was to bury telephone cable for the Illinois Bell Telephone Co. Later that summer the family, back at Cape Cod went Tuna Fishing and cought two tuna weighing over 100 pounds each.

On December 23, 1956 at the O'Henry Dance in Chicago Dave gave Donna her engagement ring. On 7 September 1957 they were married at Grace Evangelical United Brethern Church in Naperville, by Rev Wilmert Wolf. Brother Clark E. Taylor was best man, and sister Amy was a bridesmaid. Donna's brother Fred was an usher. Dad Knoche held a big reception and dinner for

everyone after the wedding.

David and Donna Taylor 7 September 1957

The little book, "All About David" was given by Mom Taylor to Donna, and the story continues:

"1957. David and I spent a lovely honeymoon at Cape Cod. We only had one week but we felt it worth the trip. Uncle Walter and Florence Brittain let us use their cabin next to the Bee's Hive free of charge, and even filled the refrigerator and cubboards with food. we always think of those wonderful people.

After the honeymoon we drove our 1951 Hudson to Grinnell Iowa. We set up house keeping in our WW II barracks apartment. With the folks help earlier and Dave's handywork we had a very nice little place. While Dave finished his Junior and Senior years at Grinnell, I completed my first two. Dave worked at odd jobs whenever they were available. He was the physics lab assistant, showed movies, sold tickets at games, and cleaned lawns and shoveled snow for the faculty whenever hs could. We always had fun going to school parties, the Military Ball, and the concert series. We played a great deal of bridge with our friends.

On vacations we drove our 1951 Hudson to Naperville to spend the holidays with our folks. This was easy to do, since Dave's family lived just across the street from the Knoche's. In the summer of 1958, Dave attended ROTC summer camp at Selfridge Mich, for a month. I missed him very much. I worked at a shoe store. When Dave came home he worked nights at the Burlington Freight yards in Chicago. He left for work when I went to bed, and arrived home dead tired when I got up to go to work. That was an unsuccessful arrangement for newlyweds, so Dave soon gave it up, and started again with the B&M Construction. He was working at the time on laying cable in Naperville, and I could drive by and see him. The pay on construction was enough to pay for our final year at college (with a little help from the folks).

During Dave's final year at Grinnell we had the worst snow storm ever. It was the end of March, 1955 and the evening of the Spring Formal. Dave ordered flowers for me, but the winds started and the snow turned into a raging blizzard. Dave went outside and almost lost his way, 10 feet in front of our door. The next day, the cars were completely buried, and our neighbors had to come over and shovel away the snow so we could get out. One of the married men went to town, to get milk and food for the stranded families. School was not called off even in all that snow! At graduation on 7 June, 1959, Dave received his diploma, and his commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

2nd Lt David B. Taylor, Amy, and Clark 7 June 1959

Many of the family came to Dave's grauation. Clark and Myrtle Taylor, brother Clark with his new wife Kay, Clarence and Mildred Knoche, and Donna's brother Fred. On leaving, all the cars were packed high with things to be moved back to Naperville. Dave rented a trailer and tried to get everything in, but could not. That caused a return trip the next day to pick up the remainder of the items.

Before graduation, Dave was offered a job with Westinghouse in Baltimore, so from Naperville, we packed the car and headed east to Pittsburgh. While in training we rented a little apartment on the third floor of a house at 499 Locust. Two weeks later we moved to Md and stayed at 2300 Rockwell in Catonsville. Dave was assigned to the Solid State advanced development lab in the Westinghouse Air Arm Division in Baltimore. While there we visited Emily and Jim Zegeer and their new son John David, toured Washington DC and Williamsburg.

After just seven weeks with Westinghouse, Dave received his orders to report to the Air Force at Eglin AFB Florida. We rushed back to Naperville to help the movers. On August 25 Dave reported to his assignment, but they were not ready for him. He had a job that required a security clearance, so he had a month off on the first day while the security people arranged for his clearance. On 30 August we found a little two room frame house on 32 N. Ferry Rd. which we bought using Donna's savings from the shoe store. The house had 600 square feet of floor space with a screened porch and a single car garage. Our mortgage was exactly half of Dave's salary, and the first year was a real struggle.

Our first month in the Air Force was really fun. We painted our little house, and got to do some swimming at the Officer's Beach Club. The movers arrived with the furniture and put everything away. We unpacked many of our wedding presents that we had not used at Grinnell, so it was just like Christmas

Dave finally started work. He was assigned to the P.G.R.R. Ballistics Department and his boss was Foster Burgess, a civilian. Dave's job was to help compute the rocket trajectories of the sounding rockets fired on Santa Rosa Island. The rockets were fired into the upper atmosphere to collect data to be used for the future space programs. Dave also took night courses from the extension course institute in

mechanics. Dave plans to be at Eglin for three years and then return to Westinghouse. (It didn't turn out that way). Dave works on the car, and loves to take pictures with the 16mm movie camera received from his parents at graduation. Today I entered for the first time in my husband's book and will continue to do so from now on. Today Oct 21 1959."

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Donna's next entry in the "All About David" book was after she had suffered a long bout with pneumonia. That occured in November 1959.

Since I last entered in this book, we have a new addition to our household. On June 28th 1960 at 5:49 AM David Brittain Taylor Jr was born at Eglin AFB hospital. He weighed 9lbs 2 oz and was 21 1/2 inches long. Dave had stayed up the entire night of the birth and worked all day. When it came time for visiting hours he didn't show up. He had fallen asleep at 5PM and didn't wake up until 1 AM in the morning. He called the hospital to say he was sorry. I was the only new mother without a visitor! Dave can't wait for David Jr to grow up so he can go fishing with him. Dave built a timer for his camera, and has built some oak picture frames with his friend Dave Austin. Dave also fixes the washing machine and the air conditioner. What will be next?

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Donna misplaced the book for awhile. The next entry is made by Dave at our new assignment in New Mexico.

In November 1961 I was notified that I would be leaving for 180 day TDY to Kirtland AFB New Mexico. I gave Donna 3 hours notice to pack my bag, went home to kiss goodby, and left Florida for New Mexico. Donna was left with the old car, a house, a baby, and she also was expecting. Fortunately, the trip turned out to be only 8 days instead of 6 months. I decided to buy a better car and settled on a 1960 Ford station wagon. It was badly rusted, and had to have a board across the floor in the back, since there was no floor. We paid $400 for the car, drove it for 60000 miles and sold it in 1967 for $700 dollars. Not too bad a deal!

In February 1962 the Air Force assigned Dave to Kirtland AFB, New Mexico. The Russians had broken the nuclear test ban treaty in the fall of 1961, and all physicists in the Air Force were sent to Kirtland to help with the development of special weapons. During the 12 month assignment at Kirtland, Dave was sent to Johnston Island in the Pacific to work on the upper atmosphere nuclear tests that were conducted in the summer of 1962. In April of 1962 Dave and Donna bought a house at 4016 Hendrix NE in Albuquerque. Deborah Lynn Taylor was born on 15 July 1962 at the Sandia Army Base hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 9 ounces.

While at Kirtland, Dave applied for the opportunity to earn his masters degree through the Air Force Institute of Technology. He expected to attend the extension school at the U of New Mexico, but the Air Force was starting a new class for physicists at AFIT located in Dayton Ohio, so once again we packed our bags and this time headed east. On the way we visited the Alamo in Texas. We lost our transmission in the 60 Ford in Texas and drove in 2nd gear all the way to Fort Walton Beach Florida. After repairs, we went on to Dayton Ohio where we set up housekeeping in the government housing unit known as Page Manor.

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Unhappily the book "All About David" was never again entered by either Donna or Dave. Therefore the memory of the author will have to suffice.

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Dave completed his masters degree in Engineering Space Physics in June 1965. Prior to graduation he was assigned to Wright Patterson for an expected four year assignment, so the Taylor's set out to buy the house of their dreams. A contractor was selected, and work progressed through the summer of 1965. At completion, the house was just what we wanted, but one week before signing the final papers, Dave received notice of reassignment to El Segundo Calif for work on a classified project for the Secretary of the Air Force. It was a big disappointment to have to give up that house. On 10 February, in a heavy snowstorm, the movers once again packed us up for our move west. We dropped David Jr and Debbie off with the grandparents in Naperville, and drove to California, this time in a brand new 1966 Ford Stationwagon, with "magic

tailgate".

In California, we bought a home at 337 E. 214th Street in Carson California. We lived there from March 1967 to June 1971. Mom Taylor arrived with the children in March 1967, and we once again set up housekeeping. Dave's assignment was exciting and challenging, and his title was Space Payload Project Manager. He often traveled to Vandenberg AFB and was involved in many space launches. Dave and Donna became involved in the local Cub Scout organization, and eventually Dave became cubmaster, and Donna was his den leader coach. For nearly two years the scouting activities took all of the spare time. On the 11th anniversary of their marriage, Donald Brian Taylor was born on 7 September, 1968. Donald was born premature by 6 weeks, and was transferred from the Army hospital at Fort MacArthur to a city hospital. He spent 44 days in an incubator. At 6 feet today, Donald shows no signs of his early slow start. Shortly after Donald's birth Donna developed a sudden blood clot in the lung and things were touch and go for about seven weeks of intensive care. Donna pulled through and the family was back together for Thanksgiving.

The late 1960's were filled with the noises of war in Vietnam, and student unrest in the US. In 1971 the Air Force decided to upgrade the ROTC instructors on various college campuses, since much of the student unrest was directed to "uneducated and unqualified" ROTC instructors on the campus. All USAF officers with a masters degree in anything were tagged in 1971 for campus ROTC duty. Dave was thus assigned to the University of Detroit, in Detroit Mich, one of the most violent trouble areas. Once again, after 5 1/2 years in California, the family packed up and headed for Detroit.

In Michigan, the house market was suffering from the decline in the automotive industry, so the Taylors picked a base house located at 29515 Wright St on Selfridge AFB Mich. We bought a new Chrysler station wagon, and drove 35 miles each way to work. Dave found teaching somewhat unrewarding since the quality of students was not too good. Long hours of preparation for an indepth lecture often resulted in more than half the class sound asleep at the end of the hour. Three years of that was enough, and Dave did not volunteer to extend his tour. The most memorable item of that time period was the gasoline crisis of 1973. Donna would

call 30 or 40 stations to find out who had gas, then call Dave to tell him where to go on the way home from work. The Chrysler of course was a gas eating dragon. In the fall of 1971, the Taylors purchased a home for rental purposes on Cape Cod, at 32 Pine Tree, So Chatham Mass. Family vacations have been spent there ever since, that is if you call cleanup, paint, and fixup a vacation.

In June 1974, Dave was assigned again to Wright Patterson AFB Ohio. This time we bought a house at 2895 Green Vista Drive, Fairborn Ohio. Dave was assigned first to the Foreign Military Sales office for the F-4, then to the FMS office for the F-15 aircraft. These assignments resulted in travel to Israel, and Japan. On one delightful trip to Israel, Donna also went along. We toured through the ancient cities of Jerusalem, Acre, Bethlehem and Tel Aviv. We also toured Rome and Athens. All in all, it was an exciting two weeks. Mom Knoche stayed with the children in Ohio and made it possible for us to take the trip. The experiences gained on this assignment made it possible to apply for the next, a three year assignment to Australia.

In 1977 Dave was hand picked from 65 applicants to go to Australia for 3 years as director of foreign military sales at the US Embassy in Canberra Australia. We had some hard choices to make. David Jr needed only a few credits to graduate from high school. Debbie was 15 and would miss most of the US high school activities. Donald at 9 was least vulnerable to this type of change. Donna and Dave decided to make the move, and sold both station wagons, the house in Florida which we had owned for 18 years, and the house we were living in. We bought a 1977 Diesel Rabbit to take with us to Australia. In September we put many things in storage, and packed for our move.

We arrived in Australia on 12 November 1977. The area was in a drought and fires had just raged through. Dust and smoke were everywhere, and we began to wonder why we had made this decision to move so far. We found a very nice home to rent which looked out over the city of Canberra, and were met by many friendly neighbors. Our stay in Australia was a wonderful one, and we visited many of the bushlands and outback highlites of Australia. Dave developed an interest in gem stones, and spent a lot of time digging sapphires out of rivers and opals out of mines. Donna was introduced to

outback camping via tent and hauled food and water. Debbie and Donald expressed surprise that we found our way home from one adventure where we became lost in the outback.

Dave's work in the Embassy took him to Singapore, Korea, and New Zealand. Donna was able to tag along on one trip to Singapore, Bangkok, Hongkong, China, and Manila. That was just before Debbie's wedding.

Deborah Lynn and Steven Ball 13 Dec 1980

David Jr. finished high school in Australia, and went to work. He saved up some money and left Australia in 1980 to travel through SE Asia. He made his way to the US and settled in Florida. Deborah Lynn however, met a handsome young Australian, Steven Ball, and fell in love. Debbie and Steve were married on 13 December 1980 in Canberra. Debbie remained in Australia and now has two beautiful children, Janilee Constance Ball b. 3 June 1983, and Joshua Russell Ball b. 8 July 1985.

On 20 February, Dave, Donna, and son Donald left Australia to return to the United States. We arrived in San Francisco 54 hours later, and had our first American hamburger in 3 1/2 years. Dave retired from the Air Force at Travis Air Force Base on 28 February 1981. He had spent 21 1/2 years for Uncle Sam, mostly in research and development programs. It was a fast paced, exciting time of our lives, with no regrets.

Janilee and Joshua Ball
Great Great Great Grandchildren of John C. Taylor

We hooked up our trailer to our 1977 Diesel Rabbit that had served us so well through the back lands of Australia, and headed East to our new home and job in Cleveland Ohio. On the way we stopped off at Clarence and Mildred Knoche's home in Brevard NC for a reunion with the Knoches and Clark and Myrtle Taylor, who were also there.

Dave started his civilian career with Gould Ocean Systems in Cleveland Ohio. We bought a home at 8807 Norwood, in Mentor Ohio and began to get acclimated to the cultural shock of our return to the US. When we left in 1977 gas was 59 cents a gallon, and home interest rates were around 10%. We came back to 1.20 per gallon, and interest rates of 16%. Prices on everything seemed so high, and property values had gone beyond belief. Our stay with Gould was uneventful, and after three years, Dave decided to transfer to Emerson Electric, in St Louis Mo. The movers came again, and as time goes on it seems to get harder and harder to move. We settled in our current home on 16253 Bent Tree Dr. in Chesterfield Mo on 31 July 1984.

Dave is now a program manager in the electronic product line of Emerson Electric. His work has taken him on several trips to London and Egypt. Donna is active in New Neighbors and Welcome Wagon, and continues to improve her skills with brush and oil. Donald has met many new friends and is happy with his electric guitar.

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As has been the custom in previous chapters, we will now look at the ancestory of the Knoche family.

The author is indebted to Jack Knoche from Temple Terrace Florida for most of the early history of the Knoche's. Jack has been in communication with some decendents of the early Knoche's who still live in Germany. In August 1983, Jack sent the following information:

You should know that I have been in touch with Frau Margit Knoche of Lohfelden, Germany who has been very very helpful in tracking down two of our ancestors: Asmuth (my grandfather) and Conrad (the Knosher's great grandfather). The record which I have also enclosed indicates that Freiderich Knoche, the father of both Conrad and Asmuth had each boy by different wives, namely, Conrad by Catharina Elisabeth Mendel Knoche and Asmuth by Maria Giese. Frederick Henry was also the child of Maria Giese but the husband is unknown and presumably lived in the Bremen area from which Grandmaw Giese emigrated to the U.S. in 1880. This was about the same time that my grandfather emigrated to this country and was married to my grandmother, Mary Schuermann in 1881 in Chicago. Conrad and Meta Schuermann along with her sister (my grandmother, Mary Schuermann emigrated to the States in 1870 and all three remembered the great Chicago fire of 1871. My grandfather lived in the Chicago area from 1880 until his death in 1948 and apparently was always somewhat reluctant to talk about his roots with anyone -- a very private man: consequently, my father was not able to give me too much information about the family and how they got so split up in the 1870's when they left Germany... At any rate, Maria Giese came to this country in early 1880 and her son followed her over later.

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The earliest known Knoche:

Johann George Knoche b. approx 1755
d. Wellerade, Germany
m. Magdalena Mendel

The Child of Johann and Magdalena:

Caspar Schneider Knoche b. 1781 Wellerode Germany
d. 1846
m. Maria Zinn
m. Anna Elisabeth Mendel 1788-1863

Child of Caspar and Anna:

Friedrich Knoche b. 20 Jan 1814 Wellerode Germany
d. 20 April 1872
m. Catharina Elizabeth Mendel 1815-1855
Children of first marriage:
Conrad Casper Knoche b. 1841
Conrad Heinreich Knoche b. 1849 d. 1910

m. Mary Giese b. 1831 d. 1908 Chicago
Children of second marriage:
Charles Asmuth Knoche 1861-1948
Frederick Henry Knoche
b. 29 May 1872 Bremen Germany
d. 23 Feb 1923 Illinois

Charles Asmuth Knoche b. 11 Jan 1861 in Wellerode Germany married Mary Schuermann on 27 February 1881 in Chicago. He died 21 Aug 1948 in Chicago. His wife Mary was born 25 April 1859 in Scharmbeck Germany and died 11 Mar 1943 in Chicago. Their children were:

Lydia Knoche 18 Dec 1881-1 Feb 1966
Louis Harold Knoche 6 May 1884 - 6 Nov 1961
Benjamin Knoche 1887-1895
Alma Knoche 1893-1962
Frederick Edward Knoche 5 Dec 1895-21 Jan 1980

Frederick Edward Knoche married Helen Guinand on 7 May 1927. Helen was born 25 Sept 1902 in Ashland Wisconson. Their son Jack Fred Knoche b. 5 April 1928 in Chicago Illinois furnished this information on the Knoche family. Jack married Hilda Barnett on 2 Aug 1959. Hilda was born 12 Jun 1934 in Philadelphia, Miss. Jack and Hilda have two children, Mary Alison Knoche born 2 May 1966 in Tampa Florida, and Amy Jolynn Knoche born 17 Sept 1971 also in Tampa.

Frederick Henry Knoche born 29 May 1872 in Bremen Germany married Hulda Amelia Deetjen on 15 Jun 1904 in Chicago Illinois. Hulda Amelia Deetjen was born 5 May 1881 in Watertown Wisconson. the daughter of John Deetjen. She died (O'Brien) on 23 Jul 1952.

Frederick Henry Knoche
1872-1923

Hulda Deetjen Knoche
1881-1952

The children of Frederick and Hulda are:

Mable Knoche b. 29 Jun 1905-
m. Roy Cordrey 28 Nov 1925
Child of Mable and Roy:
Glen E. Cordrey b. 13 Sept 1926-

Florence Knoche b. 29 Feb 1908- 8 Mar 1985
m. Douglas Given
Children of Florence and Douglas:
Roberta Given b. 1943-
Robert D. Given b. 1946-

Elmer Edward Knoche b 10 Dec 1909
m. Esther Meryl Butler 23 Jun 1936
Children of Elmer and Esther:
Judith Carol Knoche b. 15 Jan 1939-
Virgil Howard Knoche b. 27 Nov 1940-
Jayne Marie Knoche b. 9 Mar 1945-

Evelyn Pearle Knoche b. 6 Jul 1912-

Clarence and Mildred Knoche

Clarence Albert Knoche b. 31 Dec 1915-
m. Mildred Constance Olson 5 Mar 1938
The paternal grand parents of Mildred were Olaf Olson 1843-1905 and Marie Grayston 1846-1904. Her father was Marshall George Olson b. 22 Feb 1883 d. 31 Dec 1963. He was a milkman. Mildred's maternal grandparents were Joachin Wilheim Wedding b. 15 Oct 1850 in Norway and died 5 Sept 1921 in Chicago, and Albertina Constance Holmes b. 24 April 1854 in Norway and died 22 April 1928 in Chicago. Mildred's mother was Alice Marie Wedding Olson born 14 Nov 1881 and died 1 March 1952.

27 September 1905
Marshall George Olson and Alice Marie Wedding

Children of Clarence and Mildred:

Donna Lee Knoche b. 2 Dec 1938
(Author's Wife!)

Frederick Marshall Knoche b. 12 Mar 1943

The children of Donna are listed in Chapter Four as decendents of John C. Taylor.

Frederick Marshall Knoche married Mary Claire Senn on 12 June 1965. Mary was born 14 Dec 1943 in Saginaw Michigan. The children of Fred and Mary are:

Carol Lynn Knoche b. 25 Dec 1968
Carren Lee Knoche b. 2 Jun 1970
Eric Marshall Knoche b. 17 Sept 1979
Jonathan Frederick Knoche b. 25 May 1981

Family of Fred and Mary Knoche

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1 BORN 3 Feb 1937
WHERE Illinois
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

3 BORN 14 Apr 1909
WHERE Mass
DIED
WHERE

Myrtle Beryl Brittain Taylor

2 BORN 20 Aug 1908
WHERE Penn
DIED
WHERE
MARRIED 13 Aug 1932

Clark Gibson Taylor

4 BORN 4 Jun 1880
WHERE Illinois
DIED 8 Nov 1967
WHERE Indiana
MARRIED 11 Jun 1907

Arthur Garfield Taylor

5 BORN 5 Apr 1884
WHERE Iowa
DIED 11 May 1946
WHERE Illinois

Vera Ruth Mudge Taylor

6 BORN 28 May 1876
WHERE England
DIED 11 Sep 1919
WHERE Mass
MARRIED 26 Oct 1901

Robin Duncan Brittain

7 BORN 21 Feb 1878
WHERE Shropshire Eng
DIED 11 Sep 1927
WHERE Mass

Amy Elizabeth Holding Brittain

8 BORN 5 Sep 1843
WHERE New York
DIED 18 Nov 1909
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 1 Oct 1873

John C. Taylor

9 BORN 2 Feb 1855
WHERE Ohio
DIED 8 Mar 1942
WHERE Illinois

Eliza Lavina McManis Taylor

10 BORN 11 Jan 1851
WHERE New York
DIED 20 Jun 1903
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 1 May 1882

Clark Edson Mudge

11 BORN 7 Sep 1862
WHERE Iowa
DIED 22 Dec 1920
WHERE Illinois

Asenath Mary Gibson Mudge

12 BORN 3 May 1840 (?)
WHERE Scotland?
DIED 21 Jan 1887
WHERE Middlesex G.B.
MARRIED 5 Jun 1866

Alfred Duncan Brittain

13 BORN 27 Nov 1843
WHERE England
DIED 1 Apr 1906
WHERE Mass

Sarah Anne Emery Brittain

14 BORN 19 Mar 1853
WHERE Salop England
DIED 30 Apr 1912
WHERE Mass
MARRIED 20 Oct 1874

John Holding

15 BORN 23 Sep 1844
WHERE England
DIED 13 Feb 1911
WHERE Mass

Elizabeth Wylde

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Uretta T. Bentley Taylor

17 CONTINUED ON CHART 3

Joseph McManis

18 CONTINUED ON CHART 4

Ruth Mathias McManis

19 CONTINUED ON CHART 5

Edson J Mudge

20 CONTINUED ON CHART 6

Ruth Angaline Burrows Mudge

21 CONTINUED ON CHART 7

John Gibson

22 CONTINUED ON CHART 8

Elizabeth Mary Clark Gibson

23 CONTINUED ON CHART 9

John Brittain

24 CONTINUED ON CHART 10

25 CONTINUED ON CHART

James Emery

26 CONTINUED ON CHART 11

Sarah Bishop Emery

27 CONTINUED ON CHART 12

John Holding

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Mary Hughes

29 CONTINUED ON CHART 14

Joshua Wylde

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George C. Taylor

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Donna Lee Knoche Taylor

2 BORN 31 Dec 1915
WHERE Illinois
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MARRIED 5 Mar 1938

Clarence Albert Knoche

3 BORN 3 Mar 1916
WHERE Illinois
DIED
WHERE

Mildred Constance Olson Knoche

4 BORN 29 May 1872 (?)
WHERE Germany
DIED 23 Feb 1923
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 15 Jun 1904

Frederick Henry Knoche

5 BORN 5 May 1881
WHERE Wisconson
DIED 23 Jul 1952
WHERE Calif

Hulda Amelia Deetjen Knoche O'Brien

6 BORN 22 Feb 1883
WHERE Illinois
DIED 31 Dec 1963
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED 27 Sep 1905

Marshall George Olson

7 BORN 14 Nov 1881
WHERE Illinois
DIED 1 Mar 1952
WHERE Illinois

Alice Marie Wedding Olson

8 BORN 20 Jan 1814
WHERE Germany
DIED 20 Apr 1872 (?)
WHERE Germany
MARRIED 1859 (?)

Friedrich Knoche

9 BORN 24 Mar 1831
WHERE Germany
DIED 23 Feb 1908
WHERE Chicago

Mary Giese Knoche

10 BORN (?)
WHERE Germany
DIED (?)
WHERE
MARRIED

John Deetjen

11 BORN
WHERE
DIED
WHERE

12 BORN 1843 (?)
WHERE
DIED 1905 (?)
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED

Olaf Olson

13 BORN 1846 (?)
WHERE
DIED 1904 (?)
WHERE Illinois

Marie Grayston

14 BORN 15 Oct 1850 (?)
WHERE Norway
DIED 5 Sep 1921
WHERE Illinois
MARRIED

Joachin Wilheim Wedding (Vedding)

15 BORN 24 Apr 1854
WHERE Norway
DIED 22 Apr 1928
WHERE Illinois

Albertina Constance Holmes

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Caspar Schneider Knoche

Anna Elisabeth Mendel Knoche

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NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Heidi,Ellen,Jeff,Kay,Clark E. Taylor

David Jr.,,Donna,Donald,David Sr,Deborah Taylor

Hartley and Amy Pfeil
Mark and Naomi Chin-Shong

Africano,Angela 70
Alden,David 63
Alexander,Mary 111
Allen,George 100
Anderson,Carrie 54
Arnoldy,Edna P. Taylor 63
Anderson,Dot 133,134
Arnold,2nd Lt P.W. 131
Arnoldy,Edna P. Taylor 63
Arnoldy,Edna P. Taylor 63
Austin,David 159
Bacher,Amelia 92
Badger,Keith Samuel 73
Badger,Michael 73
Ball,Deborah Lynn 137
Ball,Janilee Constance 67
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Ball,Joshua Russell 67
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Ball,Ronald Steven 67
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Ballou,Abraham 45,77
Ballou,David 43,45,75,77
Ballou,Hannah Pike 77
Ballou,John 44,45,77
Ballou,John Jr. 44,45,77
Ballou,Mary Smith 75,77
Ballou,Maturin 43,44,45,77
Ballou,Naomi Inman 77
Ballou,Thankful 4, 45
Bardon,Delores 71
Barnett,Hilda 166
Barrons,Wm G. 31
Beasley,Jennifer Marie 65
Beasley,Ricky Neill 65
Beaver,Governor 92
Beck,Mr 15
Bekebrede,Kathy 60
Bell,Margaret 92,99
Bell,William S. 102
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Ref: page 1-14 In records recovered from Probate court of Boston in June 1986, Hannah Taylor Coomb refers to Jo Lusk Taylor as her son, Not daughter as previously stated.

Ref: page 1-18 From tombstone in Milton NY, found June 1986, Jo Lusk was born 1798, d. 1 June 1833. In will probated in 1833, heirs were brother Robert, sister Hannah P. and mother Hannah Taylor.

Ref: page 2-19 From tombstone in Milton NY found June 1986, George W. Taylor b. 24 June 1796 d. 16 Sept 1879. This data updates baptism reported 10 July 1796 and death "1881" as reported in Livingston County History. Please note correct date throughout chapter.

Ref: page 2-24 See also above. Second wife of Geo W. was Cynthia Wood.

Ref: page 4-62 Please correct names as follows: Celia Morton, Daisy Doty, Bernice Poulsen.

Ref: page 4-74 From tombstone in Milton NY found in June 1986, Harriet Dupersoy was born 12 May 1790. Her parents were Charles and Mary Dupersoy

Ref: page 6-124 Caption under picture, Vera Ruth Mudge Taylor 1884-1946.

Ref: page 5-104 Vera Ruth Mudge was born in Taylor Ridge Illinois, Bowling Township, Rock Island County.From the Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock Island County, Illinois, 1885: " Lester D. Mudge, senior member of the firm of Mudge Bros, general merchants at Taylor Ridge, was born in Chenango Co., N.Y., April 28, 1845. His father, Edson Mudge, was a prominent farmer of that State, and was married in his native county, to Miss Angeline Burroughs, a native of the same State. He died in New York, in the fall of 1874, and she afterwards came West, and died at the residence of her son in Edgington, this county, Nov. 14, 1875, at the age of 66 years. She was the mother of three children, namely: Emeline, who married Dr. Ardo Walker, and now resides in Morris Co., Kan: Lester D.; and Clarke E., who married Miss Asenath Gibson, and now has one child, Vera by name: he is the junior member of the firm of Mudge Bros." Note: This data both confirms and conflicts with the family data handed down as noted on page 5-110.

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